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# news from HOPE COLLEGE

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*October 13, 1959*

*Dearest Friends,*

*The moment the Round Robin arrived last week, I was strongly tempted to forget that I was washing, cleaning the house and baking, and to write immediately to all of you and send it on to Marian. So much happens in every one of your letters that I almost feel I could write each of you personally.*



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### On the Cover:

The ties that are formed during the college years can last a life-time, as demonstrated by the long-standing "Round Robin" correspondence that has transpired between nine alumnae from the 1940s.

Pictured at the upper left on the cover are: Marjorie Van Vranken '46 Watelet, Lucille Teninga '46 Toren, Marian Mastenbroek '46 Smith, Janet Huizenga '46, Adeline Sybesma '46, Claire Peterson '46 Hansbrough and Louise Edwards '46 Lowande. Not pictured are Betty Fuller '47 Meiners and Nellie Mae Ritsema '47 Vriesman.

At the lower right, Lucille Teninga '46 Toren reviews one of the many letters sent during the years.

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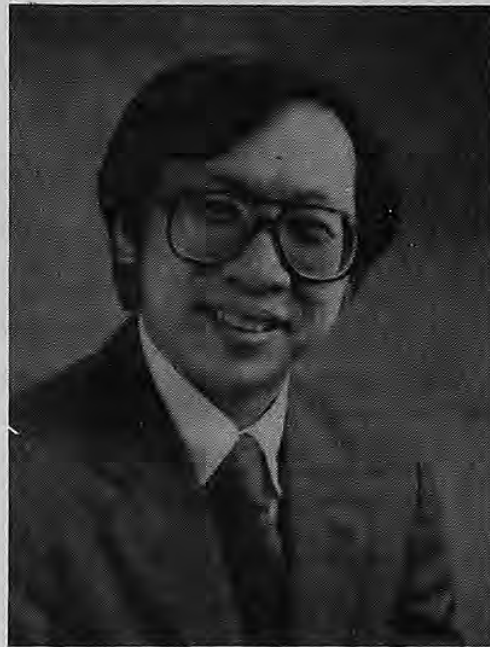
# CAMPUS NOTES



Dr. James R. Bekkering

**GRADUATION '89:** Approximately 475 graduating seniors will be receiving their degrees at the 124th Hope College Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 7 beginning at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier that day, at 11 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

This year's commencement speaker will be Professor Susan Cherup, associate



Dr. Bobby Fong

professor of biology. Dr. Wayne Boulton, professor of religion, will give the baccalaureate sermon.

Prof. Cherup, who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1976, was elected the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) by the graduating seniors in 1988. Dr. Boulton, a member of the Hope faculty since 1972, received the H.O.P.E. award in 1978.

**NEWDEAN:** Dr. Bobby Fong, associate professor of English at Berea College in Berea, Ky. has been appointed dean for the arts and humanities and professor of English at Hope according to provost Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis.

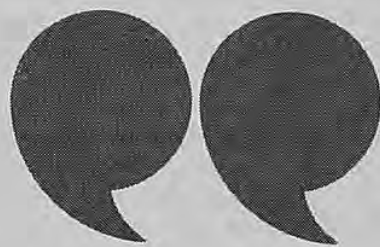
Fong, who will assume his new duties in July, will replace Dr. Elton J. Bruins, the current dean. Bruins, in turn, will act as the college's provost while provost. Nyenhuis takes a sabbatical leave in the fall; later Bruins will return to teaching in the department of religion.

"I'm genuinely excited at the prospect of working with him as our new dean for the arts and humanities," Nyenhuis said of Fong. "He brings to the position a combination of personal qualities and expertise which should make him a very effective academic leader. At Berea College he was recognized as an outstanding teacher and a highly respected faculty leader." He also has gained valuable experience at the national level through several roles in Washington, D.C."

While applauding Fong's qualifications, Nyenhuis credited Bruins for his years of leadership. "Dr. Fong will be succeeding a very popular and very effective dean, Dr. Elton Bruins, who has served very ably as dean these past five years," Nyenhuis said.

"Dean Bruins was an ardent advocate for

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*Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things being said at and about Hope College.*

"I believe that sport has come to occupy a place in our culture that is unprecedented (in America), and the evidence for this is increasing in importance each year.

"We now have something called the "Sport GNP" — the Sport Gross National Product. It was up to over \$50 billion last year and it's growing at about twice the rate of the non-sport gross national product. And sport is now among the top 10 largest industries in the American economy.

"If you've checked your local television listings on any weekend you already know the number of hours devoted to sports programming, attendance is up at every spectator level I know about and so too is participation.

"We still have more than five million boys and girls competing in inter-school sport and more than 35 million boys and girls — girls too now, fortunately — competing in youth sport. Top marathons often attract 50 to 100 professional runners who are paid and compete for money, and another 10,000 to 20,000 like me who pay to compete — which is a curious irony.

"Sport has always been a legitimate way to express oneself and philosophers have

long noted that. What is different now I think is that sport has become a favorite vehicle, particularly in literature and films, for investigating personal and cultural themes. And sport has provided not just the framework for these investigations, but the focus for them also.

"We live in a terribly complex, increasingly multicultural society. The culture in general, and many of its subcultures, have tended to abandon their role-shaping, role-enforcing mechanisms. Hero systems are hard to come by.

"In our current time, there are very few places one can turn for a system in which roles are clear, rules are defined carefully, standards are clear, outcomes are unequivocal and one's own contribution to those outcomes is often easily discernable. Increasingly, sport plays that role because it's simply so absent in other places."

"With hero systems in short supply — particularly those that support a quest for excellence — many seem to practice what has been called a safe heroism. Needing to struggle against the ordinary nature and predictability of their lives, they tend to become embroiled in the seasonal rites of teams and athletes. In their rooting for their team, they seem to become rooted in something that transcends their own existence.

"The very characteristics that seem so absent in post-modern American life have also been recently more strongly emphasized in our evolving sport forms. Sport has provided increasingly clear roles — specialization has been taken to its logical conclusion. One is now a pulling guard; a small forward; a power-hitting first baseman; a setter.

"Sport has evolved to make outcomes even more clear than in the past because we demand outcomes in at least one part of our life. We now have overtime periods, tie breakers, shoot outs in soccer and sudden death.

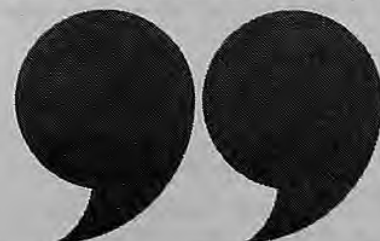
"Rules are enforced with more clarity and surety because in other parts of our life rules seem to be enforced very ambiguously. So we have the addition of an extra official at basketball, and the use of instant replay in football, and the machines in tennis to call the line violations.

"Sport provides a primary form of national pageantry, and our most common experience of ritual. The symbols of sport are pervasive.

"Players and teams capture our imaginations and our loyalties. We root; we become rooted. At this moment in our cultural life, there may be no more permanent condition, no more permanent loyalty, than that of being a Tiger fan, or a Steeler fan or a Laker fan."

— Dr. Daryl Siedentop '60, professor of physical education at Ohio State University and the inaugural speaker of the new Presidential Lecture Series. Dr. Siedentop addressed the issue "Sport in American Life: Faith Seeks Understanding" while on campus Thursday, Feb. 9.

For information concerning the final Presidential Lecture Series event scheduled for the 1988-89 academic year, see page 4.





both the arts and the humanities, and a superb model of the servant-leader. Throughout his career he retained the tremendous esteem in which he had been held as a professor in the religion department. I therefore am very pleased that he will serve as acting provost during my sabbatical here this fall, before he begins his own well deserved sabbatical," Nyenhuis said.

Bruins, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion, will take a semester-long sabbatical, returning to teach during the fall of 1990. Bruins has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1966.

Fong said that he was impressed with the quality of the college's programs and faculty, and explained that he initially plans to become more familiar with the college's operations and dynamics. "The most important thing in the short run is that I need to find out the ways that Hope does things," Fong said. "It's only after that that one may conscientiously and wisely help make things better."

Fong has been with Berea College since 1978, first serving as an assistant professor. He has served on several Berea College and community boards and committees, and during a 1986-87 sabbatical was a National Fellow with the Association of American Colleges (AAC) in Washington, D.C., as assistant director of a project on assessing learning in academic majors using external examiners. He has been a frequent grant review panelist for AAC, for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

He is currently a board member and grant reviewer for the Kentucky Humanities Council, the state arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the High School-College Cooperative Learning Program, which provides a Mellon grant designed to bring high school teachers to the Berea campus for enrichment seminars. Fong has made presentations at several conferences, and has been published extensively. His teaching specialties are 19th and 20th Century English and American literature, poetry, intellectual history and literature.

He earned his doctorate in English in 1978 from the University of California-Los Angeles, where he worked as a teaching assistant in the department of English. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in English and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Fong will be moving to the Holland area with his wife Suzanne, an attorney, and their son, Jonathan, who is five.

**NEW ROLE:** Dr. James R. Bekkering '65, dean for student development services and admissions at Hope, has been promoted to vice president for admissions and student life.

Dr. Bekkering has served as dean for admissions since 1980, and since last fall has also directed the college's student development program.

"Dean Bekkering has a very good understanding of the mission and purposes of Hope College and how they should be interpreted in the area of student life," said President John H. Jacobson. "He has outstanding management skills and a fine academic background in student development as well as a proven track record in admissions."



*Portions of the remodeling project involving Van Zoeren and Vander Werf Halls are nearing completion, which will allow some of the departments relocating to the renovated facility to move in this summer. The education and business administration/economics departments will be in their new quarters in Van Zoeren Hall in time for the start of the 1989-90 school year. The physics, mathematics and computer science faculty will also be housed in Van Zoeren during the fall semester, vacating Vander Werf while their offices are remodeled. When Vander Werf is completed, in time for the beginning of the spring semester, the physics, mathematics and computer science faculty will return, and the sociology department and academic skills center will occupy Van Zoeren.*

"The integral nature of the admissions and student development programs makes being able to coordinate their efforts a great benefit to the college," Dr. Bekkering said. "Student life is a large part of what we promote in admissions; it is exciting to actually be involved in enhancing student life at Hope, as well as promoting it to prospective students."

Dr. Bekkering has a substantial background in the student development area. Prior to joining the Hope staff he was a member of the administration at Lake Michigan College (LMC) in Benton Harbor where his responsibilities included serving as Dean of Student Services. Prior to joining the Hope staff he had served as Dean of Instruction at LMC.

Dr. Bekkering served on the Hope admissions, financial aid and placement office staffs from 1965-69. During that time period he also served as head resident in two different residence halls.

While an undergraduate at Hope he earned four letters in football.

A native of Fremont, Mich., he received his master's degree in student personnel administration and his doctorate in higher education administration, both from Michigan State University.

Dr. Bekkering and his wife Lynne reside in Holland. They have two children, Kristi, who is married, and Tim, aged 11.

**DESIGN AWARD:** The college's Van Wylen Library received an Award of Excellence for Library Architecture from the 1989 Library Buildings Award Jury of the American Institute of Architecture.

The committee selected seven libraries for the award from 141 submissions. The awards will be presented at the American Library Association's Annual Conference

held in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday, June 24.

"I'm absolutely delighted because it confirms what we already believed about the building," said David Jensen, director of libraries at Hope. "And it's an award that can be shared by a number of people—the architects, those of us at the college who participated in the design and the builder."

The Van Wylen Library has also been featured in the December, library architecture issue of *Library Journal* and in the November issue of *American School and University*, which included the building in its "Architectural Portfolio 1988," awarding the library one of 13 citations given to new educational facilities across the nation.

Construction of the library, which was dedicated April 21, 1988, began in March, 1986. The project's architect as the firm of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott of Boston, Mass. Pioneer Construction of Grand Rapids was the general contractor.

**MAAS AWARD:** Design Plus P.C. of Grand Rapids, Mich., was recognized for excellence in the 14th annual "M Awards" Program for its design of the Maas Student Center at Hope. Only seven Michigan firms, four from Grand Rapids, were chosen for the awards—out of 69 entries.

The winning firms were selected by a jury of Milwaukee architects. The awards are sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan in cooperation with the Michigan Society of Architects.

**OUTSTANDING CHAPTER:** The Hope College Alpha Eta chapter of the Beta Beta Beta biological society (TriBeta) has been designated one of only six outstanding chapters nationwide for the 1987-88 academic year.

The honor recognizes the quality and

quantity of involvement of the Alpha Eta chapter's members in TriBeta activities and biological research. "This award is given to recognize your excellent program in advancing the objectives of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society: the support of sound scholarship, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the promotion of research in biology" Anne B. Siegel, secretary-treasurer of the national organization, wrote in the award notification letter sent to the chapter.

"We knew that we had a good chapter, that the students are outstanding, but this is a recognition of that, which is nice," said Dr. K. Gregory Murray, assistant professor of biology at Hope and the group's advisor.

"Our chapter at Hope has always been very active," Dr. Murray said, adding that the chapter has been involved with the organization of events and activities like the college's annual TriBeta Science Night for area school children and student-faculty activities that go beyond the classroom environment.

**PEW GRANT:** Hope is one of 10 liberal arts institutions and two research universities of the Mid-States Science and Mathematics Consortium sharing a \$1.4 million grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia, Pa., for collaboration in improving undergraduate science and mathematics education.

The grant to the consortium is part of a national effort supported by Pew to attract and retain students and faculty in the sciences. Hope and Kalamazoo College are the only colleges from Michigan participating in the Mid-States Science and Mathematics Consortium.

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# EVENTS

## THE ARTS

**Faculty Chamber Music Concert** — Sunday, April 9: Wichers Auditorium, 5 p.m.

**Senior Recital** — Friday, April 14: Robert Hodson, pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Junior/Senior Recital** — Saturday, April 14: Kelly Stratil, bassoonist and Melodie Cook, violinist; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Cancelled** — The "Salute to the Duke" concert scheduled for Monday, April 17 has been cancelled.

**Hope College Collegium Musicum Concert** — Tuesday, April 18: Maas Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, April 20: Wichers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**"The Medium"** — Friday, April 21: a presentation of the Hope College Studio Opera; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Chamber Winds-Student Ensembles Concert** — Saturday, April 22: Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Wind Ensemble and College Chorus Concert** — Tuesday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Orchestra Concert** — Thursday, April 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**"The Medium"** — Friday, April 28: a presentation of the Hope College Studio Opera; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Senior Recital** — Tuesday, May 2: David Bright, pianist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

## DE PREE GALLERY

**Senior Art Show** — through May 9.  
The work of graduating seniors.  
*Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.*

## THEATRE

**'night Mother** by Marsha Norman.  
A desperate young woman hopelessly struggles to gain both her mother's love and her own self respect in this intense and penetrating tragedy.

**One for the Road** by Harold Pinter.  
A disturbing and powerful drama depicting the conflicts between a persecuted family and an abusive, totalitarian government.  
(These productions will be presented on alternate nights, April 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22).  
*All plays begin at 8 p.m. Hope theatre tickets are available by calling (616) 394-7890. Adults: \$5; senior citizens: \$4; and students: \$3. The ticket office is located in the DeWitt Center foyer. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday, two weeks prior to and during a theatre production.*

## KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE

**Singin' in the Rain** — April 8, 10, 12, 13.

**I've Heard the Mermaids Singing** — April 11.

**Salaam Bombay!** — April 14-20.

**Things Change** — April 21-24, 26, 27.

**Hester Street** — April 25.

*Admission: \$3 adults; \$2 Hope students and children. Call (616) 392-8167 for show times. The Knickerbocker is closed on Sundays.*

## SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE

**June 23 - Sept. 2**  
Curtain time 8 p.m.  
Monday through Saturday  
De Witt Center Main Theatre

**Anything Goes** by Cole Porter

**Our Town** by Thornton Wilder

**The Road to Mecca** by Athol Fugard

**Little Shop of Horrors**

**Romeo and Juliet** by William Shakespeare

*Tickets may be ordered beginning May 30. For further information call (616) 394-7600*



*The Hope College Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.*

## ADMISSIONS

**Holland Area Program** — Wednesday, April 12  
This special program is geared particularly for Holland area students who have applied for admission at Hope. The program will give students the opportunity to learn more about "the college in their own back yard."

**Junior Day 1989** — Friday, April 21  
A day designed specifically for high school juniors and their parents to help them begin the college search.  
*For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (616) 394-7850.*

## ALUMNI WEEKEND

**Friday, May 5**  
Reunion classes (1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974) will be holding evening activities.

**Saturday, May 6**  
11 a.m. Reunion registration - DeWitt Center lawn  
Noon Reunion luncheons begin  
2-3 p.m. Historical tour of campus - DeWitt Circle  
4 p.m. 50-Year Circle ceremony - Maas Auditorium  
5:15 p.m. Pre-dinner reception - Phelps Hall lawn  
5:30 p.m. Photo of all 50-year Circle members (class of 1938 and earlier) - Phelps Hall lawn  
6 p.m. Alumni Dinner/Dance featuring the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards - Phelps Hall dining room. Dance will follow in the Maas Auditorium.

**Sunday, May 7**  
9 a.m. Alumni Worship Service - Dimnent Chapel  
10 a.m. Reception - Graves Hall lawn  
10:50 a.m. Parade of Graduates  
11 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only)  
11 a.m. Alumni Brunch - Kletz, DeWitt Center  
3 p.m. Commencement - Holland Municipal Stadium (Holland Civic Center in case of rain)  
*For information and tickets, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.*

## VILLAGE SQUARE

**Friday, June 23**  
Hobbyists, craftspersons and artists: the auction committee for Village Square '89 is soliciting items to be made available at the June 23 auction. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Mary Kempker at (616) 394-7860 or write "Village Square Auction; c/o Mary Kempker; Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423"

## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

**REGIONAL EVENTS**  
April 11 — Cedar Grove, Wis.: 7 p.m.; The Swan (De Zwaan) Restaurant.  
April 23 — Detroit, Mich. Reception, 12:30 p.m.; Lunch, 1:15 p.m.; the Detroit Golf Club.

**ELDERHOSTEL** — June 18-24

**HOPE COLLEGE GOLF OUTING** — July 19; Holland Country Club. Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
*For more information contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.*

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Spring Semester (1989)**  
Friday, April 28 — May Day; Classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.  
Mon.-Fri., May 1-5 — Semester Examinations  
Saturday, May 6 — Alumni Day  
Sunday, May 7 — Baccalaureate and Commencement; Residence halls close at 7 p.m.

**May Term** — May 8-May 26

**June Term** — May 30-June 16

**Summer Session** — July 19-July 28

**1989-90 School Year** — classes begin Aug. 29

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Presidential Lecture Series** — Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 p.m., Maas Auditorium, Maas Conference Center. Barbara Reynolds, for 22 years a lecturer in Italian at Cambridge University and respected for her translations of Italian works, will present the address "Dante as Dorothy L. Sayers Saw Him."

**Summer Sports Camps**  
*Boys Basketball School* — July 10-21  
*Girls Basketball Camp* — June 20 - 23  
*Football Camp* — July 30-Aug. 3  
*Swimming Program* — June 12-22 (first session); June 26-July 7 (second session)  
*Diving Camp* — July 10-14  
*J.V. Basketball Team Camp* - June 10-13  
*For more information, please call (616) 394-7690. Ask for Joyce McPherson.*

## INSTANT INFORMATION

**Hope Sports Hotline** — (616) 394-7888  
**Activities Information** — (616) 394-7863



# To dream the American Dream

by Greg Olgers '87

The American Dream is alive and unwell.

Prominent in modern American folklore, the American Dream persists as an ideal to which millions continue to aspire. For many, however, the American Dream remains only a dream — unattainable; a distant image of perfection that exists in stark contrast to the abject poverty of their daily lives.

And the 10th annual Critical Issues Symposium, this year entitled "The American Dream: Rags, Riches, Reality," offered no easy solutions. The Critical Issues Symposium, this year held March 1-2, is an all-campus event that spotlights an issue of current social significance via presentations and small group discussions led by experts.

This year's symposium featured 16 speakers from throughout the United States. Perhaps the best-known of the group was Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to be elected to the Congress of the United States. Chisholm was first elected to Congress in 1969, serving for 13 years before retiring in 1982.

Topics addressed during the symposium ranged from "Popular Television and the American Dream" and "Economics of the American Dream" to historical perspectives on the American Dream. Three keynote addresses provided broad overviews of the American Dream and its attendant controversy, and several smaller focus sessions held between the keynotes allowed the audience to delve into specific aspects of the topic.

No single vision of the American Dream dominated the symposium, although as the discussions progressed a broad, working definition did emerge. With the concept so prevalent in American culture, however, those attending seemed to have little trouble understanding the issue or relating it to their experience. "Few terms are defined or undefined in so many different ways, or simply bandied about more loosely than the American Dream," said Dr. John Roth, professor of philosophy at Claremont McKenna College in Calif.

"To some people, the term is a joke — an object of satire, derision or contempt," Dr. Roth explained. "To others, the American Dream merely signifies self-determined success; wealth; the good life of fashionable clothes, sports cars and hot tubs — in a word, the latest thing touted by Madison Avenue. And to still others, less scornful or frivolous, it denotes a unique set of social and moral ideals."

"We have found, I think, that the American Dream serves as a metaphor for American identity," said Dr. Richard Warch, president of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., as he moderated the symposium's final keynote discussion. "The American Dream is another way of describing the American agenda."

Chisholm noted that in its most basic

form the American Dream is universal to all people everywhere — to be free; to be secure; to have opportunity. "If you visit other parts of the world, you'll find ... the same common concerns for human decency, for family, for loved ones, for national pride — that all of these kinds of things know no national boundaries."

Recalling the nation's homeless and unemployed, Chisholm observed that for many the American Dream remains only a phantom. "We celebrated our 200th year as a nation, and in doing so at that time we attempted to remind our citizenry of those principles of democracy and human dignity upon which this nation was supposedly founded," Chisholm said.

"And yet tragically, for thousands of Americans that I see as I travel, those principles and those promises remain an unfulfilled reality," Chisholm said.

Chisholm placed much of the blame for the plight of the nation's homeless and destitute on Washington's lawmakers. "There is little in-depth understanding of what causes poverty and what perpetuates it," Chisholm said.

"Many of my colleagues in the Congress and the state legislature were good men — and most of them were men of course — but because their experience has been replete with successful accomplishments, they have not taken the time to really understand," Chisholm said.

"The top 10 percent of American families have 57 percent — that's more than half — of the nation's wealth," said Dr. Gar Alperovitz, co-director of The Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives in Washington, D.C., who lamented "the growing inequality of the distribution of American income."

Dr. Alperovitz observed that the inequitable distribution is not without negative effects. "At the low end of the distribution, problems in the U.S. are dense, intense and



Reverend Marion de Velder



The Honorable Shirley Chisholm during her keynote address.

persistent," Dr. Alperovitz said. "The richest country in the world now ranks 18th in infant mortality — almost always associated with low income."

Dr. Charles Murray, senior research fellow with the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research in New York City, believed that the problems of poverty could be overcome. "I'm not really convinced that this country today is a hard place to get along in," Dr. Murray said. "You simply have to be a contributor."

Dr. Murray suggested that the key to helping insure success is a harsher set of social sanctions for failure to perform, decrying light penalties for crime, unwed pregnancy and lack of productivity, and the effects of those light penalties.

The Rev. Marion de Velder, general secretary emeritus of the Reformed Church in America, examined the American Dream for the elderly during one of the symposium's 13 focus sessions. "We find the American Dream, as far as the American Dream goes, for older adults is drastically different than when you're younger," Rev. de Velder said.

"The great fear of older people is losing control, independence and dignity," Rev. de Velder said. "I've seen an older person have to give up her checkbook and, after a stroke, begging to get it back ... I've seen people fall apart when they've lost their driver license."

Information cited during the presentation illustrated that the limited, fixed income provided by social security benefits and pensions is often insufficient to allow retirees to maintain their younger lifestyle. For example, the higher taxes generated by rising property values sometimes force retirees from their homes. For those who desire or require an adult care center, such facilities are often prohibitively expensive.

During a wrap-up session held Thursday afternoon, a number of Hope students were given the opportunity to present their perspectives in light of the symposium's revelations. "I'm not sure whether to be embarrassed, or proud or grateful about the American Dream," said Kori Levos, a senior from Rochester, Minn.

Sophomore Tracey Sams from Detroit, Mich., reflected on the dream's inequities. "It's not an ugly world, it's just unfair to some people. But we fight, and we shovel through and we make it."

"We cannot afford to deny the dream's reality or the dream's future without becoming a cynical, mean-spirited people," Dr. Warch said.

Dr. Roth expressed confidence that the American Dream will remain a part of the American experience. He found a parallel in a remark made in Arthur Miller's play *Death of a Salesman*: "A salesman's got to dream, boy. It comes with the territory."

Added Dr. Roth, "The same might be said of all of us who stake a claim on American ground." ✎

*(Editor's note: During its 10-year run, the Critical Issues Symposium has offered a variety of topics for investigation, with attention being given to both international and domestic concerns. The topics of previous years are "The Configuration of Peace in the Middle East" (1980), "Energy" (1981), "Lives in Transition: The Future of Marriage and Family" (1982), "Avenues Toward Peace" (1983), "Civil Rights in the United States" The State of the Dream" (1984), "World Hunger" (1985), "Crisis in Central America" Perspectives and Alternative" (1986), "South Africa: Apartheid Under Scrutiny" (1987), and "Medicine and Morality: Medical Care and Human Care" (1988).*



# Music and teaching are professor's passions

by Lynne Powe '86

As evidenced by his busy schedule, Professor Robert Ritsema seems to be in a state of perpetual motion — always seeking new challenges in the world of music.

Cello instructor and performer, conductor of college orchestras and music department chairman, Dr. Ritsema enjoys the many facets of music, and being a member of the Hope faculty gives him the opportunity to immerse himself in the entire musical spectrum.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1967, and a 1957 Hope graduate, Dr. Ritsema said the decision to pursue a career in music education is one he has never regretted.

"When I first came to Hope as a student, I had pretty much decided that I wanted to become a music teacher," he explained. "There were times when I was getting fairly proficient on the cello that I thought I might want to play professionally, but I was really more interested in teaching, and I still think I made the right choice."

Dr. Ritsema's ardor for music dates back to his childhood — he was raised in a rural community in Momence, Ill. While a farmstead is not an environment most people would consider conducive to cultivating an interest in classical music, Dr. Ritsema said the seeds of his passion for music were sown at an early age, and that his appreciation for the classics had firmly taken root by the time he was in high school.

"We grew up surrounded by music," Dr. Ritsema said. "My dad was a farmer, but he was very musical. He directed the church choir and tinkered with organs. One day he came home with a cello. I had never seen a cello before, and did not even know what it was, but he said 'This is what you are going to play,' and that's how I got started on the cello."

In addition to fostering a family fondness for music, Dr. Ritsema's father also urged his children to continue their education, starting a family tradition of Ritsema alumni at Hope.

"Dad didn't expect us to become farmers," Dr. Ritsema said. "He was very much interested in education and was a self-taught person. My father and his brother were in partnership on the farm and they married sisters, so there were two combined families that really grew up as one. Of the seven children, all of us attended Hope — and six of us are now music teachers."

Whether instructing, conducting or performing, Dr. Ritsema radiates an unmistakable zeal for music and strives to instill a love and appreciation for music in all his students.

"I love music and I love young people. My goal is to make every person with whom I come into contact with as a teacher the best musician I possibly can," he commented. "The majority of my students are probably not going to make their living as musicians, but I think the fact they partici-

pated with others and made great music is an aesthetic experience they will carry with them the rest of their life. Helping them gain an appreciation of music is really what it is all about."

"It's just like a person on the basketball team is not going to play for the NBA when he graduates, but he's had the great experience of joining in a group effort," Dr. Ritsema said.

Dr. Ritsema's enthusiasm spills over into other areas. "Some of my most memorable experiences have been the opportunities I have had to perform, both in collaboration with my colleagues and as a conductor," he said.

When pressed, Dr. Ritsema admits his true love is being behind the baton. "If I were perfectly honest, I'd have to say I enjoy conducting the most," he said. "It gives me the greatest sense of satisfaction because I am dealing with so many different people and bringing it all together. When I get done conducting a concert, there is a sense of exhilaration that can hardly be described."

Because of the liberal arts philosophy stressed at Hope, Dr. Ritsema garners musical talents from many non-music majors. "It's just amazing the number of outstanding musicians we have from other departments. Of the 60 students we have in the orchestra, at least three-fourths of them are non-music majors. I think it's a great release for them," Dr. Ritsema said.

Dr. Ritsema said there are times he would like more rehearsal time with his students, but he also understands their involvement in other outlets. As a reminder, Dr. Ritsema needs only to reflect on his own college years — when he was captain of the basketball team.

"I didn't think basketball and music would mix, but the coach came to me and said 'I would really like you to play. If I could work something out with the music department, would you be interested?' And so that is what we did," he recalled. "I felt fortunate because I was excused from certain rehearsals and I didn't have to go to all the practices...Where else but Hope could something like that happen?"

Dr. Ritsema extends his leadership to areas outside of Nykerk Hall of Music and Snow Auditorium. "I think during the past 22 years I've been on every board and committee that you could think of at Hope," he declared. "I was an MIAA faculty representative for 16 years and served as chairman of the board of governors on three different occasions."

Dr. Ritsema's musical involvement is not limited to the Hope campus. During his "spare time," Dr. Ritsema's endeavors range from directing young junior high and high school virtuosos to participating in a touring ensemble that specializes in music of the Medieval and Renaissance periods.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Ritsema has devoted his Saturday mornings to nourishing the budding talents of teenagers throughout southwestern Michigan. Each week he migrates to Kalamazoo to work with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra.

Currently celebrating its 50th season, the



Professor Robert Ritsema enjoys a quiet moment. He received his love of both the cello and music from his father.

Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra is one of the most respected youth orchestras in the country. The orchestra has 80 members aged 12-19.

"I enjoy working with this age level and I feel I have the ability and techniques to get them to respond and learn things in an orchestral setting," he said.

"I try to instill in them a sense of pride in what they are doing. I really try to emphasize that, show them it is great music and then get them to make that commitment to make it sound the way you want it to sound. There is a certain chemistry that has to happen as well — a chemistry between the conductor and the players, amongst the players and the music, and amidst they players," Dr. Ritsema said.

Many Saturday afternoons Dr. Ritsema also travels to Grand Rapids to rehearse with the Early Music Ensemble, which he was instrumental in forming in 1976.

"In the last few years I've become interested in what you might call 'ancient music,' or music of the Medieval and Renaissance times. That has become almost an avocation within the vocation because it's quite different from my work with the orchestras or cello," he said. "With the Early Music Ensemble, I'm playing instruments other than the cello, like the recorder, the krumphorn and the sackbut (a predecessor of the trombone)."

Juggling a schedule as crowded as Dr. Ritsema's, and trying to maintain a balance between work and family is a challenge this husband, and father of four, faces daily.


"If anything has worried me over the years, it has been achieving a balance between my family and work," he said.

"One way I've done that is when summer comes, I spend it with my family. I don't take a full-time job or get myself involved in a lot of other things. During the rest of the year it's just a matter of trying to get in the things as best we can. I try my best to get home for dinner in the evening, even if it's only for 45 minutes to see people."

"My wife (Mary Alice Ferguson '57) is incredibly supportive," he added. "She does all kinds of things that I should be doing, and she does it all very willingly and does a better job of it than I would."

As they have grown, Dr. Ritsema's children have all been active in music. "My oldest, Julie, graduated from Hope three years ago. She's an organist for her church, and was involved in Hope's choirs. Ray, a senior, and Mark, a sophomore, both play in the orchestras at Hope and it's a neat experience for me to have them in my classes," he said. "Kyle, the youngest, is a senior at West Ottawa High School and plays in the orchestra there. He will probably attend Hope as well."

It is apparent that Dr. Ritsema has no intention of slowing his hectic pace. "Musically, there are still a lot of instruments I want to become more proficient on, and a lot of music I still want to play and to conduct," he said.

"I really think that as long as I'm teaching that I have to keep looking for outlets to do things. I don't want to fall victim to the fact that you slow up gradually into your retirement years. I've seen that in some people and I've also seen the opposite in others — and that's what I'd like to emulate." 



# Valued semester in Indonesia helps dance student find direction and opportunity

by Mary Taylor '89

Stephanie Brooks is not an ordinary dance major.

True, she has all the talent and discipline necessary for one in the art field, but her bubbling curiosity and enthusiasm have taken her far beyond Hope's dance department to exotic locations such as Hawaii and Indonesia. And to not-so-exotic places like Ann Arbor.

Brooks spent last semester studying traditional dance on the Indonesian island of Java. She was honored as one of four American students chosen to participate in a unique new educational opportunity to study there. Her experience in Indonesia has led to further recognition for the 20-year-old Hope junior.

Brooks didn't always aspire to be a dancer, however: "I wanted to be an actress like everyone wants to be an actress. I wanted to be in soaps."

Acting was Brooks' first love, but it was dancing that first introduced her to the stage at the age of five. By the time she was 13, Brooks was traveling 60 miles three times a week to and from her hometown of Three Rivers, Mich., to attend dance lessons.

Acting was still a larger interest when Brooks graduated from high school, and she

interested in international folk dance because it was something new. Her keen interest in the genre developed through a folk dance class Brooks took last spring. The course, says Brooks, opened new doors for her: "I absolutely loved the class. It made me realize that you get into this mode where you think there's only ballet and there's only jazz, but gosh, there's a whole world of things out there that I've never even experienced. It made me want to go out there and try those things."

The opportunity for Brooks to do just that came when the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) decided to offer a semester program in Indonesia for the first time in the fall of 1988. Hope's director of international education, Dr. Neal Sobania, who served on the CIEE board of directors, thought the program would be especially attractive to students in the arts since the nation is a wonderful art center. And so he called the chairperson of the dance department, Professor Maxine DeBruyn.

Prof. DeBruyn knew exactly which student would take full advantage of the opportunity. "Stephanie has always shown an interest in historical dance and is constantly asking questions about the folklore behind it," says DeBruyn. "She was very enthusiastic about this opportunity from the beginning."



Junior Stephanie Brooks performed a classic Indonesian dance in *Dance XV*, the dance department's annual production, in March.

country was not a problem at all, says Brooks. "I know I can't speak it at all according to their standards, but I can speak to an Indonesian for two hours in a conversation and not have any problems at all. The language is not difficult grammatically."

Daily language classes improved the American students' fluency, and a course on the nation's cultural history taught them to appreciate the rich Indonesian, and particularly Javanese, heritage. It is presently thought that the ultimate prehistoric being may have lived on the island of Java.

"The (Indonesian) people are so traditionally oriented," reports Brooks. "Even though they are very Westernized, they still choose their old ways. The court dances I've learned are from hundreds of years ago. It's amazing how much they've held onto their culture."

"You have to learn about the culture and talk to the people in order to really understand the dance," Brooks says.

Right from the start, Indonesian dance was unlike anything Brooks had ever done before. "Everything Indonesians do is slow, and traditional Javanese dance is very slow," Brooks says. "I think it's hard for Western audiences to pay attention."

Another big difference between Western and Javanese dance concerns body movements. In the classic Indonesian dance form there are many hyperextended elbow movements and the toes are always flexed toward the ceiling. Large emphasis is also placed on the eyes, head and shoulders.

Facial expression is something else

Brooks had difficulty adjusting to. "I used to always smile when I danced," she relates, "but there I didn't because in Indonesian dance you don't smile." To avoid a "dead" face, she does smile now — even though it isn't traditional.

Brooks describes her instructor, Lesmanadewa Poerboklesoema, as very traditional. "He is incredible, just fabulous," she reports admiringly. "He was a professional dancer and taught at one of the palace schools. I was really lucky to have him."

The young dancer has given a number of performances since returning to the U.S. In March, she performed a classic Indonesian dance in *Dance XV*, the dance department's annual production. Specifically, the dance is an ancient court dance from central Java based on the theme of a young girl beautifying herself. Brooks' performance was carried out in full Javanese costume.

The Indonesian experience is reaping further opportunities for Brooks. In April she will be spending a week at the University of Michigan with a prestigious Picas Scholarship and work with experts in the field of Indonesian dance and music. Brooks will be creating a video about the country's dance and culture to be used in K-12 classrooms as a senior project.

Eventually, Brooks hopes to be a dance professor. When asked about her aspirations, she responds enthusiastically: "I want to encourage cross-cultural communication. I want people to have a wider view of the world."

*"The dance department is excellent. The professors come from incredible backgrounds. They are the most wonderful people and care so much about us."*

— Stephanie Brooks

chose Hope on the basis of a recommendation from the director of the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. Brooks didn't limit herself to studying theatre, however, and an unexpected change of plans resulted. "I took dance classes here to help my development as an actress," says the student. "but I ended up liking the dance department so much that I switched majors."

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Brooks certainly was excited. Her eyes, always bright, light up even more: "Maxine came up to me in Dow before class one day and said, 'Stephanie, you're going to Indonesia.' I said, 'What? Where's Indonesia?' It blew my mind."

Getting there wasn't quite so easy, however. In preparation for her months in the Pacific, Brooks spent the summer learning the Indonesian language in an intensive program of the Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute in Hawaii. Always one to seize the opportunity, Brooks also studied hula.

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# Many milestones mark shining winter

The winter sports season at Hope College, in addition to its continued marks of excellence, observed several milestones.

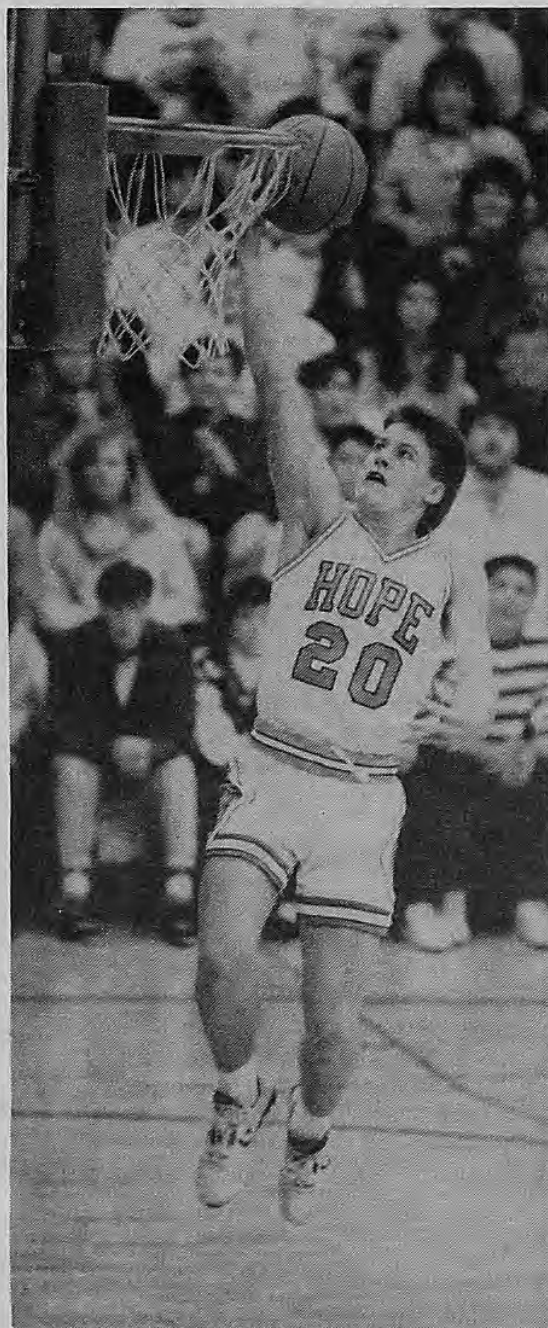
— Senior Shelly Russell of Battle Creek, Mich. was voted the NCAA Division III female Swimmer of the Year for the second year in-a-row. A nursing major at Hope, Russell will go into Hope's athletic annals as the most successful student-athlete at a national level in the college's history. This year she was a Division III swimming champion in two events, raising her career total to seven national championships.

— Men's basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren '64 recorded the 200th victory in just his 12th season at the helm of the Flying Dutchmen. Hope made its seventh appearance in the last eight years in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

— Junior diver Jim Mitchell of Ann Arbor, Mich. was an NCAA Division III All-American on the three-meter board as he finished in fifth place at the national competition.

— No Hope winter sports team finished below second place in their respective Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) race. The women's swimming team won their tenth consecutive MIAA championship, marking the longest dominance in history of a league sport by a Hope team.

It was definitely a season to remember!!



Sophomore point guard Eric Elliott of Hudsonville was elected to the coaches' all-MIAA first basketball team.

Hope remains in second place in the MIAA All-Sports standings through the winter sports season.

The MIAA All-Sports champion is determined by the best cumulative finish in all of the league's 17 sports for men and women. Hope has won this honor an unprecedented nine consecutive years, but that streak is in serious jeopardy as Calvin College tops the All-Sports standings after the winter season while Hope is eight points behind in second place. After winter competition Calvin had 86 All-Sports points, followed by Hope with 78, Kalamazoo 64, Alma 63, Albion 51, Adrian 29 and Olivet 20.

Strong finishes will be needed from Hope teams in the league's six spring sports if the All-Sports banner is going to continue to hang in the college's Dow Center.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

A team of over-achievers is the best way to describe the men's basketball team.

Hope was picked in pre-season polls to finish runnerup in an MIAA race that was expected to be dominated by Calvin. The Flying Dutchmen did finish second behind Calvin in the league standings but by only one game in a race that went down to the final weekend of play.

And by season's end the Flying Dutchmen had the best overall record of any MIAA team (19-5) and were on their way to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the seventh times in eight years.

The decade of the 80s will go into the annals of Hope basketball as the most successful era ever. The performance of this year's team capped a 10-year period that will be hard to match by any small college basketball program in the nation.

Over the decade (1979-80 through 1988-89), Hope teams won 77 percent of their games (186-57) while claiming seven MIAA championships and never finishing below second place.

The tradition of basketball excellence, which started in the 1950s under coach Russ DeVette '47, has thrived under the tutelage of Glenn Van Wieren. This year was indeed a milestone season for Hope's coach. In addition to recording his 200th career victory — he's now 202-84 in 12 seasons — Van Wieren also won his 100th against MIAA opponents (108-36) and his 100th at home (103-21).

Van Wieren's charges approached opponents in a most unusual way this season. The team's depth was so extensive that substitutions were frequently done platoon-style whether the team was ahead or behind. On several occasions the 'B' team brought the team from behind into the lead.

In the end, this team went into the books as the second highest scoring in Hope history at 87.9 points a game.

The balanced ability of this team was reflected in the players' decision at year's end not to elect a most valuable player. Instead, they honored the squad's four seniors — Jack Holman of Grand Haven, Mich., Tom Livingston of Dowagiac, Mich., Greg Mitchell of Okemos, Mich., and Tim Van Liere of Portage, Mich.

Sophomore point guard Eric Elliott of Hudsonville, Mich. was voted to the coaches' All-MIAA first team while senior center Tom Livingston of Dowagiac, Mich. was elected to the second team. Elliott was also elected to the Great Lakes Division III All-District second team.

The team's appearance in the playoffs was short-lived and the ending sudden. For the second year in-a-row, the Flying Dutchmen were eliminated from tournament action on the last play of the game. This year the fatal shot was fired by Allegheny College when a last-second basket broke



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a tie and gave the Pennsylvania team a 71-69 triumph. A year ago Ohio Wesleyan, which went on to win the national championship, beat the Dutchmen 110-107 on a three-point basket at the buzzer at the end of the second overtime.

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Flying Dutch kept their place among the top small college women's swimming programs in the nation by finishing 10th at the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Shelly Russell was recognized as the nation's outstanding Division III swimmer by the College Swimming Coaches Association during the national meet held at the University of Notre Dame.

This year she was the national champion in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle events, was third in the 1,650-yard freestyle and swam the anchor leg on Hope's two All-American freestyle relay teams.

Russell was an NCAA All-American 22 times during her collegiate career and the most valuable swimmer in the MIAA three years in-a-row. She holds the Division III national records in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events.

"I am pleased for Shelly because she has contributed immensely to our swimming program," said coach John Patnott. "The honor this year is especially deserving because Shelly made major personal sacrifices in order to achieve in both swimming and in the classroom."

As a nursing major she frequently faced a training schedule that put her alone in the pool at 5:30 in the morning. It was followed by 12-hour shifts of clinical study at an area hospital, more on-campus classes and training.

"Shelly showed that when a person makes a commitment to something, accomplishment and success can be achieved," said Patnott. "She certainly has been a model for all our student-athletes."

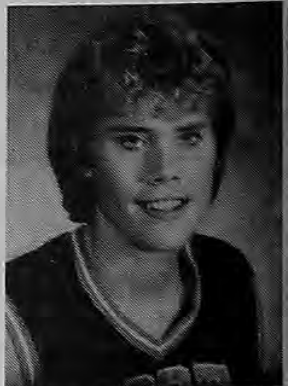
All-American honors were earned by four other

swimmers who swam on the 800-yard freestyle relay team, fourth at nationals. Honorees included a sophomore from Fairfax, a sophomore from Holla, Becker, a junior from Holla, Van Overen, a junior from

Designated honorable mentions were sophomore Lori Gamble, senior Diane Vos of Zeeland, in the consolation finals in the one-meter and three-meter events.

Senior Jane Hoogland was voted the most inspirational teammate.

The team was undefeated for the third consecutive year for the 1989-90 season with a straight triumphs.

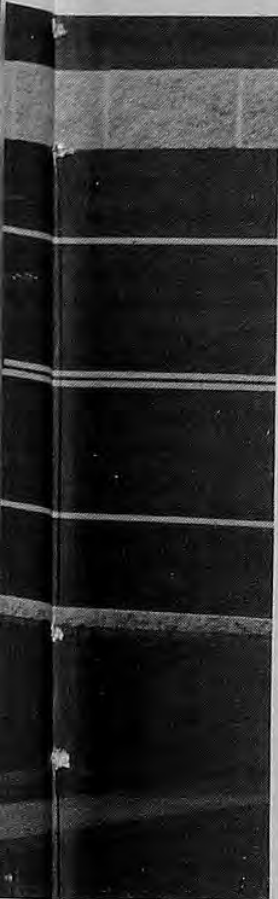


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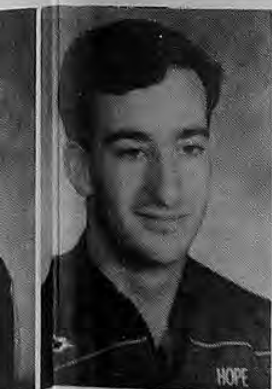
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball program continued to prosper under coach Terri McFarland.

The Flying Dutch posted their sixth straight winning season — a school mark — as they posted a 17-7 record and finished tied with Calvin for second place in the MIAA standings.

In four years under coach McFarland the Flying Dutch have a 64-32 record.

This season the Flying Dutch captured the championship of the Kalamazoo Invitational, were unbeaten in the Great Lakes Colleges Association tournament, and handed league champion Alma its only loss. The Flying Dutch accomplished all that with only one senior on the team.

The team's balanced scoring attack was evidenced by the fact that eight different players had game-high scoring honors at some point in the season.

Junior forward Holly Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, Mich. was voted to the All-MIAA first team after leading the Flying Dutch in scoring at 12.7 points per game. Vandenberg has the distinction of receiving all-conference recognition in three sports — volleyball, basketball and softball.

Junior Dina Disney of Brandenburg, Ky. was voted to the All-MIAA second team as she averaged 10.9 points per game and led the team with 104 assists and 69 steals.

Senior Amy Warriner of Greenville, Mich. was voted the recipient of the Barbara Ellen Geeting Memorial Award for maximum overall contribution to the team. Sophomore Michelle Sterk of Zeeland, Mich. was selected the most improved player.

## MEN'S SWIMMING

Jim Mitchell became only the third Hope male athlete to earn NCAA All-American honors in swimming/diving competition.

This year's medal-winning performance was especially rewarding for the Hope diver who had also qualified for the Division III finals as a sophomore, but couldn't compete because of an injury suffered when he struck the board during practice the week before nationals.

"Jim was very consistent," praised coach John Patnott. "He entered the final round in eighth place and was able to hit each of his dives to gain significant ground on the field."

Mitchell also finished 16th at nationals on the one-meter board while teammate Dave Masselink, a junior from Holland, Mich., was 24th.

The men's swimming team finished runnerup in the MIAA standings for the second year in-a-row.

Depth was a hallmark of the team, which despite having only one league champion was able to challenge perennial power Kalamazoo College for the MIAA title. Kalamazoo won the league crown with 692 points while Hope was runnerup at 613.

Four swimmers earned All-MIAA honors — senior Bruce Brown of Napoleon, Ohio and his freshman brother, Doug; and seniors Geof Greeneisen and Todd Van Appledorn, both from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Doug Brown and another freshman, Chris Von Ins of Holland, Mich., were voted the most valuable swimmers by their teammates while Van Appledorn and senior Matt Weigle of Grandville, Mich. were honored as the most inspirational.

Seven school records were broken and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Phil Sotock of Holland, Mich., junior Matt Dahl of Zeeland, Mich., sophomore Kevin Burke of Rochester, Mich. and freshman Chris Von Ins of Holland, Mich. set a new MIAA record.

## Women's soccer joins varsity

Women's soccer will become an intercollegiate sport at Hope next fall, according to Dr. Anne Irwin, director of athletics for women.

Women's soccer has been a club sport at Hope for six years. Its elevation to varsity status coincides with the decision of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) to have women's soccer become a league sport beginning next fall.

"We are delighted to be able to offer soccer as a varsity sport for our women," said Irwin. "Girl's soccer has become increasingly popular at the high school level so it makes sense for a college like Hope to have it as part of the intercollegiate program."

Girl's soccer is being offered at 143 of Michigan's 720 high schools this year, according to the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Last fall women's soccer was offered by 155 NCAA Division III members.

All seven MIAA colleges will field women's soccer teams next year. Adrian, Calvin and Kalamazoo

colleges have established women's varsity soccer programs while Albion, Alma and Olivet will join Hope as newcomers to intercollegiate competition. League play the first year will consist of a single round robin.

Irwin said the college is in process of seeking a women's soccer coach.


The addition of soccer will give Hope nine women's intercollegiate sports. Offered in the fall will be cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball. Winter sports are basketball and swimming while softball, tennis and track are offered in this spring.

Next year Hope will offer all 18 sports sponsored by the MIAA. Adrian is the only other MIAA school to sponsor all of the league's sports.






Intercollegiate sports offered men include cross country, football, golf and soccer; basketball and swimming in the winter; and baseball, track and tennis in the spring.

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# Alumni Association Honors Four

Four Distinguished Alumni Award presentations will be made during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 6.

Being honored with the award this year are Dr. Andrew G. Nyboer '39, Dr. Sylvio Scorza '45, Yoshie Ogawa '58 and the Rev. Stephen M. Norden '74.

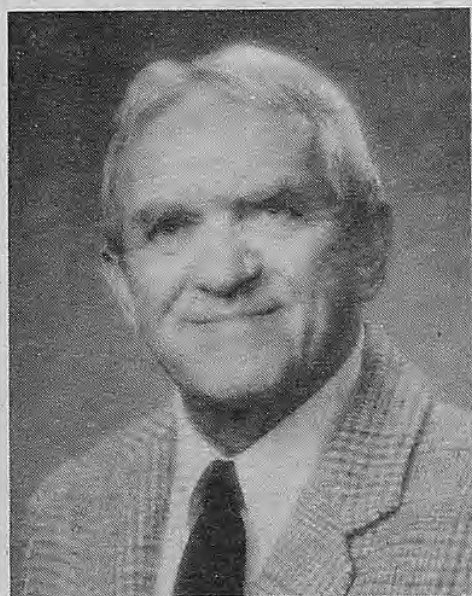
The annual Distinguished Alumni awards are made by the Alumni Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions to society and service to Hope.

Nominees for the awards are solicited by the Board on a continuing basis, and may be submitted by any member of the Alumni Association. An on-campus evaluation committee prepares a list of nominees from which the Alumni Board chooses the recipients. The

names of candidates considered but not selected in a given year are kept on file for future consideration.

The first Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented on May 31, 1970, and six alumni were honored. They were (together with their occupations at the time): Bruce Van Voorst '54, manager, Bonn Bureau, *Newsweek*; D. Ivan Dykstra, Ph.D. '35, professor of philosophy, Hope College; Eugene F. Damstra, M.D., F.A.C.S. '28, surgeon, Dayton, Ohio; Lucille Vander Werf Veneklasen '23, church and club woman, writer, Chicago; Wesley S. (Granberg-)Michaelson '67, aide to Senator Mark O. Hatfield; and Robert H. Schuller '47, minister, Garden Grove Community Church, Calif.

***"Andrew G. Nyboer, Class of 1939, we recognize you for your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, the dental profession, and Hope College."***



Andrew G. Nyboer '39

For more than 40 years, since he graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1944, Dr. Nyboer has distinguished himself in his career in his home town of Rockford, Ill. He has also served on several community and church boards, and has worked with Young Life for more than 25 years.

Possessing a love of both the Scripture and his fellow man, Dr. Nyboer has delivered seminars concerning the Old and New Testament to many churches throughout the Midwest. Two of them are entitled "The Old Testament Comes Alive" and "The New Testament is Christ Alive."

His association with Hope has extended far beyond his program at the college as an undergraduate. In 1986, for example, he established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of his father, John Nyboer, who was for 27 years a custodian in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The unique scholarship is intended for any worthy student, but in recognition of his father's position requires that the student participate in a custodial work program as part of the scholarship. As noted in the college catalog, "Preference will be given to an individual preparing for a field in Christian service."

Furthermore, all four of his children — Jacquelyn, Jill, Rebecca and Andrew — and their spouses attended Hope. And, he and his wife Marion, a registered nurse and a graduate of the Presbyterian/St. Luke Hospital in Chicago, fully expect all 14 of their grandchildren to do the same.

***"Sylvio Scorza, Class of '45, we recognize you for your service to higher education, the Reformed Church in America, and Almighty God."***

Dr. Sylvio Scorza is a professor of religion at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the highest assembly and judicatory body of the Reformed Church.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland, where his father pastored an Italian congregation, he is a highly committed scholar and Christian. After graduating from Hope, where he was a



Sylvio Scorza '45

science composite major, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1953, a doctor of theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1956 and a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Illinois in 1972.

After several short teaching assignments, he joined the faculty of Northwestern College in 1959. He has taught courses ranging from philosophy and Greek to bioethics, literature and religion.

Prior to his election in 1988 to the General Synod vice presidency, he served with the Reformed Church in a number of other positions, including as stated clerk of the East Sioux Classis in Iowa. He has also written weekly lessons for the Reformed Church's Sunday School Guide since 1962.

A talented chess player, he has been playing chess by mail for 32 years — with opponents virtually all over the globe — and is the director of the Iowa State Postal Chess Association.

He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children: Christine, Philip and John.

***"Yoshie Ogawa, Class of 1958, we recognize you for your skillful work in international business and your dedication to Hope College."***

Yoshie Ogawa is staff vice president-international affairs with Northwest Airlines Inc. and lives in Washington, D.C. A native of Japan, she remembers fondly the tutelage of the Reformed Church missionaries who were instrumental in her decision and ability to attend Hope.

She earned a degree in English while at Hope, and received a master of arts degree in English from the University of Connecticut in 1959. She subsequently returned to Tokyo, Japan, where she obtained a position at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service Office through the U.S. embassy.

During her at years at the embassy, she assisted the U.S. government in promoting American agricultural business and products in Japan. She was also active in teaching English to Japanese children and Japanese to American children in the community.



Yoshie Ogawa '58

Ogawa joined Northwest Airlines in 1969 — and like the company, her responsibilities have grown through the years. Currently, her duties take her all over the world to participate in and monitor U.S. civil air transport consultations with foreign leaderships where U.S. air transport rights are negotiated.

She is also active in cultural organizations. Ogawa is a member of the Japan-America Society of Washington and also participates in Asia-oriented programs being conducted by various professional organizations on the East Coast.

***"Stephen M. Norden, Class of 1974, we recognize you for your loyal service to God, family, and alma mater."***

An ordained minister for the Reformed Church in America, the Rev. Stephen Norden was for two years the president of the Hope College National Alumni Association, the highest position of service a Hope graduate can hold in the Association.

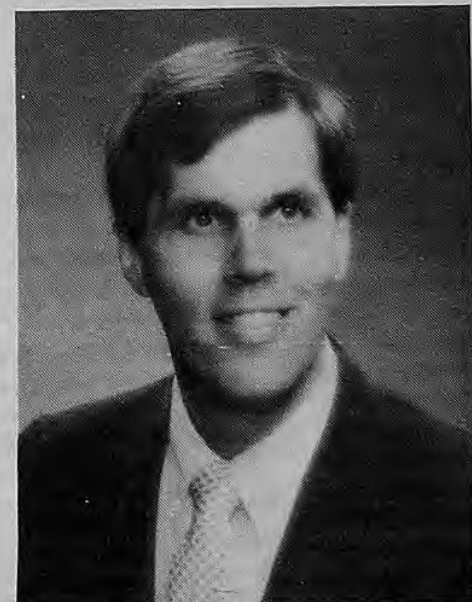
He is the son of long-time Reformed Church missionaries to Japan, where he was raised. He majored in political science while at Hope.

After graduation from Hope, Rev. Norden worked as the assistant director of Camp Henry in Newaygo, Mich., and as an intern at Good Samaritan Reformed Church in Gahanna, Ohio. Upon receiving his master's of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1978, he was installed as minister of youth and education at Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich.

In 1987, he accepted a new call and difficult challenge — to establish a new Reformed Church in Dublin, Ohio. On April 12, 1987, with 93 communicant members representing 50 families and a total baptized membership of 130, New Hope Reformed Church was organized, with Norden as its founding pastor.

His dedication and love for Hope have been displayed in his frequent visits to campus, the organization of alumni events in the Ohio area, and his past work for Annual Fund phonathons. With Rev. Norden's assistance through letters and personal contacts, the Annual Alumni Fund has grown substantially.

In 1975, Norden married Jean Boven '75. They have two sons, William and Charles.



Stephen M. Norden '74



# New program to help teachers teach science

by Greg Olgers '87

Through a new program, Hope will work with Holland area school districts to train current and future teachers in the content and methods of science instruction at the elementary level.

Goals of the program include increasing minority and female representation in the field of science, increasing both educator and student computer literacy, and improving college and local school facilities related to the teaching of science. The project's first three years will be funded through a \$526,498 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. Additional sources of funding that will allow the program to continue indefinitely are being sought.

The program was developed through the cooperation of several organizations. "We worked very closely with people from area schools," said Dr. Nancy Sonneveldt Miller, dean for the social sciences at Hope and one of the program's coordinators. "They helped us identify elementary science as the area we might want to deal with. Representatives of the Hope science and education faculty, local business and industry and the Holland Chamber of Commerce were also consulted."

Dr. Miller said the program will "get teachers away from the textbook to an approach that is more experiment-oriented." She noted that many teachers lack the confidence or science background that would enable them to take a more creative approach to teaching the subject, leading them to rely only on their textbooks or, worse yet, refrain from science instruction.

"We're trying to improve the content — the knowledge base — and their comfort level with science," Dr. Miller said.

"I think it is very positive for Hope College to be engaged in cooperative projects — especially with the schools, which aim at the education and betterment of people," said President John H. Jacobson.

"I believe that this area of science education is a matter of great concern nationally, and we're very pleased to be able to make a contribution to solve a national problem. I would also say that one can regard this grant as a confirmation of the academic strength of Hope College, both in the natural sciences and in education," President Jacobson said.

The program will be managed by a full-time coordinator under the auspices of an advisory council representing the groups involved. The Kellogg Foundation grant will fund the program's first three years, with the council being responsible for identifying funding sources for the future.

To improve science instruction at the elementary level, a new course sequence, "Partners in Science Education," and a series of summer seminars will instruct elementary educators in the methods and content of science education. Teachers from three local school systems — the Holland Christian, Holland Public and West Ottawa Public schools — will participate tuition-free in the course sequence and seminars.

"Partners in Science Education" will run the entire academic year and will pair 15 local elementary teachers and 15 Hope

*"We're trying to improve the content — the knowledge base — and their comfort level with science."*

— Dr. Nancy Sonneveldt Miller



Education Professor Daniel Paul observes as Adriana McCaleb and Susan Shuck, students in his Elementary Curriculum and Methods class, conduct a physics experiment. Methods of teaching hands-on elementary science will be a major focus of the new program.

education students in reviewing four science disciplines — biology, physics, chemistry and geology. Together, applying the teacher's experience with the student's enthusiasm, each pair will develop teaching materials and methods, with the teacher's classroom serving as a laboratory in which both individuals can apply their new knowledge.

Two two-week, science seminars each summer will allow teachers who are unable to be part of the "Partners in Science Education" program to receive instruction as well. Each seminar will focus on a single science discipline.

To increase the representation and interest of female and minority students in

science, the program will coordinate special events on their behalf. The program will target middle school-age children in an effort to positively influence their high school and college science course choices.

The program proposal drafted by Dr. Miller and co-coordinator Dr. Irwin Brink, professor of chemistry at Hope, notes that "in the Holland area the number of boys enrolling in advanced math and science courses far exceeds the number of girls. A survey of the three local high schools reveals that during the 1987-88 school year a total of 235 high school males and 163 high school females took pre-calculus or senior math, physics, and advanced chemistry or biology." Minority students were

similarly underrepresented, according to the survey.

Events designed to help reverse that trend will include day-long science workshops established exclusively for female and minority students. Each workshop will feature a noted female or minority speaker, tours of the college's science facilities and small-group, hands-on activity sessions with female or minority persons employed in science-oriented fields.

The program also provides for facilities, materials and equipment improvement and acquisition so that the educators participating in the courses and seminars can apply their new knowledge more effectively. "We must supply what they need if they are to teach as they've been taught, to go beyond the textbook," the proposal explains.

To facilitate hands-on, outdoor education for local students, the program provides funding for improvements to both Holland's De Graaf Nature Center and Lakeview Forest, a piece of forest dune property owned by the Holland Public Schools but presently unused. Improvements involving the 15-acre De Graaf site will include the creation of additional materials for use with the facility and program development that will enable the Center to conduct a winter program. Development at the Lakeview Forest site, which is southwest of the city of Holland, will include the construction of woodchip nature trails similar to those found at the De Graaf Nature Center and the restoration of a small building that presently exists at the location.

On the Hope campus, a model classroom will be equipped with a variety of modern science materials so that the educators participating in the program can experience a well-equipped science classroom. "What we want this room to be is a prototype classroom, not a laboratory," Miller said.

Other materials for use with the program will be acquired as required. Science kits, a series of science videotapes and science resource guidebooks for teachers are some of the items under consideration.

This is the second major grant presented to Hope by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for innovative approaches to education. In 1977, a \$370,000 grant funded the initiation of an integrated health fitness program for Hope students which today is viewed as a model among liberal arts institutions.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930 to "help people help themselves," has distributed more than \$1 billion in support of programs in agriculture, education and health. Areas of emphasis within those broad fields include adult continuing education; community-based, problem-focused health services; a wholesome food supply; and broadening leadership capacity of individuals. Projects in opportunities for youth are concentrated mainly in Michigan; support for economic development projects is provided only in Michigan. The Foundation is today among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the world. It supports programs in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean and southern African countries. Limited worldwide involvement is achieved through international networks of activities related to the Foundation's programming interests. ✧



# ALUMNI NEWS

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

It's hard to believe that my first semester back at Hope College is almost at a close. Although extremely busy, it has been thoroughly enjoyable.

One of my responsibilities as Alumni Director is to plan regional alumni activities. To that end, numerous alumni have been of invaluable aid to me.

Our alumni volunteers are an essential link between the College and alumni as a whole. Their continued interest, time and talents help make the many regional events held each year possible, and their efforts are among the reasons for the success of our alumni programs. To each who helped I would like to say "thank you."

Alumni have not only been involved in the planning of regional events, but in reunions as well. Not long after I arrived in January, I started to recruit alumni volunteers for class reunion committees. The thought of having to recruit 35 plus volunteers was daunting. Here I was, asking people with busy lives to take on the additional responsibility of ensuring that their class reunion would be the best yet.

I need not have worried. As usual, our alumni proved to be more than willing to lend their assistance, and it has been a great pleasure and privilege to work with the volunteers. Their creativity and energy is boundless. If your class is having a reunion this May, you are in for a real treat.

Throughout the semester I have been fortunate enough to meet many of you — at Winter Happening, a Hope basketball game, a regional event or through your visits to my office. I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you and would encourage you to come by or call with any concerns, comments or ideas you may have.

So, as the end of my first semester draws near, I look forward to the semesters to come. I am excited about the alumni events planned for the remaining year, and hope to meet you at one of them.

Janet

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## classnotes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees, and deaths are compiled for news from Hope College by Greg Olgers. The deadline for the next issue is May 9.

### 20s

**Thomas De Vries '23** was the founding pastor of the Moreno Valley (Calif.) Community Church, which was organized as an Reformed Church in America congregation with 45 charter families on Jan. 8, 1989.  
**Aaron J. Ungersma '26** of Los Gatos, Calif., is professor emeritus, psychology, Berkeley Theological Graduate Union. He will be celebrating his 59th wedding anniversary on Oct. 22.  
**LeRoy Nattress '27**, for many years a pastor with the Reformed Church in America, is living in Spencer, Iowa. Unable to drive, he and his wife Gladys still attend church, thanks to a neighbor who picks them up.

### 30s

**Harvey Scholten '34** of Grand Haven, Mich., was presented with a President's Award by the Michigan Association of School Boards in recognition of his 42 years of service as an Ottawa Intermediate School District board member.

### 40s

**Howard E. Becksfort '40**, Ph.D., retired in July from his position as vice president and academic dean at Mount Senario College in Ladysmith, Wis. To commemorate his retirement from the college, where he had served for 15 years, a retirement party in his honor was held on Feb. 6.  
**Virgil Janssen '49**, counselor at Oakland Community College, recently had an article, "Higher Education an Intellectual Wasteland?" published in *Impact*, a publication of OCC.  
**Herman J. Ridder '49** of Holland, Mich., has opened a church-consultation business, Possibilities Consulting, with his wife Lenora.  
**Stephen P. Wise '49** is coordinator for the "One In Mission" fund for Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall, Mich. The local church expects to raise \$24,000 for church extension over a three-year period.

### 50s

**Louis P. Kraay '50**, a native of Danforth, Ill., is the new minister of calling at the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, Mich. For the past 21 years, Kraay has been pastor of the Beaverdam Reformed Church in Zeeland.  
**Jack Marema '50** has been promoted to financial aid director of the Berea (Ky.) College staff. He joined the college as a financial aid officer in 1974.  
**Isaac Rottenberg '53**, formerly a member of the Reformed Church in America's staff, has written a new book, *The Turbulent Triangle: Christians-Jews-Israel*.

**For the Class of '54:** The women of the Class of '54 will be holding their reunion at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19 in the Spinnaker Room of the Grand Rapids Hilton Hotel.

**John Busman '54** and his wife Caryl are involved in agricultural work in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.  
**Donald Damstra '55**, a medical doctor, was recently honored by the Maricopa County (Ariz.) Medical Society as the recipient of the "Dr. Clarence Salsbury Medal" for distinguished public service in the treatment of substance abuse.  
**Richard E. Ten Haken '56** is district superintendent of schools in the Second Supervisory District of Monroe-Orleans Counties (N. Y.), and has completed 30 years of service as a teacher, administrator and superintendent in the public schools of New York State. He was recently reappointed to the state's Teachers' Retirement Board, of which he is vice president.  
**Lawrence N. Lup '57** of Ann Arbor, Mich., is serving as president of the Washtenaw District Dental Society.  
**Robert Bast '58**, the Reformed Church in America's minister for evangelism and church development, has had a new book, *Attracting New Members*, published. The book is designed to help a church look at the factors which are likely to attract visitors and encourage them to become active members.

### 60s

**Mary E. Wiersema '61 Vermeulen** of Galva, Ill., is counselor and coordinator of student activities at Black Hawk College-East Campus and has been named Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year.  
**Lynne Adams '63 Deur** of Spring Lake, Mich., is a school textbook publisher.  
**Mary E. deVelder '63 Sullivan** is continuing in a doctoral program in English-creative writing at Michigan State University, where she is also a teaching fellow.  
**Ralph Robrahn '64** has been the minister of visitation

and family life with Christ Church of Oak Brook, Ill., since Dec. 1.

**Chris Knecht '65** has been co-owner and operator of Nelson Travel Service, a retail corporate and pleasure travel agency in Winona, Minn., since 1985.  
**Mary Ellen Bridger '65 Miner** was given an award at the Calvin College Homecoming Luncheon held on Saturday, Feb. 18 for the best MAT project completed between 1986 and 1988. Her project was entitled "The Use of Mathematical Problem Solving Strategies with Middle School Learning Disabled Students."  
**Mary Jane Dixon '66** is teaching about computers in the elementary schools of New York City. She is also working as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in New York City.  
**Bruce Formma '69** was the trumpet soloist during the Zeeland (Mich.) Civic Chorus' 49th annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah* in December.  
**Judy Deenik '69 Gouwens** is an instructional specialist with the Hoover City (Ala.) Schools.  
**Thomas J. Hildebrandt '69** is living in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and employed as an attorney concentrating in the area of trials and litigation.

### 70s

**Ken Bradsell '70** of the Reformed Church in America's education staff was involved in the annual conference of the Association of Presbyterian (and Reformed) Church Educators, held in Baltimore, Md., in January. He preached a sermon at the conference's Sunday worship service and was a workshop leader.  
**Marshall W. Anstandig '71** was elected to the executive committee of the Arizona Bar Association-Labor Section.  
**Nancy Johnson '72 Cooper**, upon the death of her mother, became the owner of her company, Storms-Harvey Eqp. Co. Inc. She distributes knives and spatulas used in the printing ink industry, running the business from her home on a part-time basis.  
**Thom Gouwens '72** is coordinator of community education and fine arts for the Hoover City (Ala.) Schools.  
**Barbara S. Dehaan '72 Liggett**, Ph.D., a Western University staff member for nine years, has been named associate vice president for human resources. She will be responsible for providing long-term planning for policies and practices for human resources development at W.M.U. and directing that department. In addition, she will provide support services, such as research and administration of special projects and assignments, for the vice president for business and finance.  
**Brian Claxton '73** of Libertyville, Ill., has been promoted to divisional sales manager-North in the Medical Instruments Division of A.H. Robins Company. He was formerly a regional trainer with the company, where he has been employed since 1983.  
**Michael Ebberts '73** is a senior instructor, technical education, AFP-laserprinting with IBM in the Dallas, Texas, area.  
**Robert J. Van Dyke '73** has been named human resources manager at Weyburn-Bartel Inc., a JP Industries Co.  
**Tom Vis '73** has been working for EDPTemps, doing short-term contract assignments in Personal Computer support, for the past year and a half. His current assignment is at the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, where he is doing telephone hardware and software input for roughly 1,000 users.  
**Mary Zaleta '73** in January started in a new position as a staff advisor in the Honors College at Michigan State University.  
**Kirk Zylstra '73**, a teacher at Rosewood Elementary School in Jenison, Mich., has been named interim principal at Pinewood Elementary School. He has been with the Jenison schools for 15 years, and has taught grades three through six during that time.

**Paul Bach '74** spent three months in Boston doing research and clinical work on neuropsychological testing and evaluation of children. He was at Tufts University.

**Betsy Wackernagel '74 Bach** received an award for meritorious teaching and service at the University of Montana, where she is an assistant professor.

**Gail Ringsmith '74 Buis** owns and operates Computing Possibilities, a consulting business through which she programs, trains and consults for colleges and universities across the nation. The business was two years old in June. She and her husband **Tim Buis '74** are also busy with their two children, Andrew and Rachel, and puppy, Snowbol.

**John Foster '74**, pastor of the Cedar Hills Community Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recently conducted a six-week "Growing through Divorce" class that was attended by 70 people.

**Douglas C. Staley '75** is presently employed as a retail buyer by Caldors Inc. and living in Newburgh, N. Y.  
**Dennis S. Sturtevant '75** is employed as executive director of Dwelling Place Inc., a non-profit housing development corporation. He had previously been executive director of the Catholic Human Development Office of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, a position he had held for nine years.

**Jodi Japinga '75 Syens**, assistant manager of the City of Holland, has been elected to the Michigan City Manager Association's board of directors. She will serve a three-year term on the board. Her 10th anniversary as a Holland employee will be in late June — she began in the treasurer's office and spent the last nine years as assistant city manager.

**Daniel Wiersma '75** started his new duties as finance director for the city of Wheaton, Ill., in January.  
**Sarah Henseler '76**, a pastor with the Reformed Church in America in Montrose, N. Y., was involved in the annual conference of the Association of Presbyterian (and Reformed) Church Educators, held in Baltimore, Md., in January. She was a "responder" to a keynote address.

**Stuart Scholl '76**, a high school biology teacher in California, enjoys traveling the Pacific Ocean in a kayak and observing California Grey Whales as a hobby.

**Richard Thayer '77** is co-pastor of the United Christian Parish in Reston, Va. United Christian Parish is an ecumenical venture of four denominations ministering to three congregations.

**Carol Donohue-Gephart '78** was named All-American Tri-Athlete in running, biking and swimming in the February issue of *Tri-Athlon Today* magazine.

**Scott E. Dwyer '78** has become a partner in the firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones of Grand Rapids.  
**Bradley G. Lambrix '78**, an attorney living in Hart, Mich., has been appointed assistant prosecutor of Oceana County.

**Brian Stauffer '78** was named All-American Bi-Athlete in running and biking in the March issue of *Tri-Athlon Today* magazine.

**Jeffrey A. DeVree '79** has become a partner in the firm of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones of Grand Rapids.

**Tresa Harrison '79 Northuis** is a learning disabilities teacher for grades four through six at Angell School in Muskegon, Mich.

### 80s

**Kevin Anderson '80** is the new owner of East Lane Oil Change in Bridgman, Mich.

**Katrina Picha '80 Boedeker** has taken a new position as a faculty member in the music therapy department at Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

**Richard Northuis '80** is an investment broker and director of research for FSC Securities Corp. in Muskegon, Mich.

**Roger Paul Bakale '81** is employed with E.R. Squibb

## Alumni Arts Competition

### Alumni Invitational Art Show

### Alumni Opus

Entry deadline: July 13, 1989

For rules and entry forms, contact the  
Office of Public Relations, Hope College,  
Holland, Michigan 49423



Institute for Medical Research, Technical Operations. **Michael Disher '81** began a four-year residency in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in July. **Mark Hoppers '81** has been promoted to vice president at NBD Grand Rapids. He joined NBD's Corporate Banking Division in 1983. **Rich Lupkes '81** has been promoted to assistant vice president, commercial loans, at Old Kent Bank. He has been assigned to manage the new Old Kent Bank of Brighton Ann Arbor loan office. **Ian Macartney '81** is working with neon in his shop/studio in Grand Rapids. **Tom Bayer '82** is assistant administrator with St. Vincent Hospital of Green Bay, Wis. **Nancy Piersma '82** has been named a banking officer in the Multinational Group of NCNB Texas-Dallas. NCNB Texas was formed last August when NCNB Corp. entered into an agreement with the FDIC to manage the former affiliate banks of First Republic Bank Corp. It is the largest bank in Texas, with 121 banking offices and \$25.3 billion in assets at Dec. 31, 1988. **Matt Soeter '82** and his wife Grace have accepted a call as pastor to the English congregation for a Korean church in Glendale, Calif. **Cheri De Vos '82 Vander Weide** has been promoted to director of Amway's Health and Beauty division, and is responsible for Amway's Personal Care and Health and Fitness lines. She joined Amway in 1983. **Russell Dykstra '83** is one of a team of physicians operating the Community Health Center in Hudsonville, Mich. In addition to family medical services, the Community Health Center, an affiliate of Holland Hospital, offers medical services in several specialties, including obstetrics, ENT and orthopedic surgery. **Brian J. Hughes '83** is employed as an office administrator for Trizer Properties Inc., a real estate management/development company in Detroit, Mich. **Gretchen Keizer '83** has joined Bethany Christian Services as a therapist. She had been working with adolescents at Glenleigh Substance Abuse Agency in Grand Rapids, Mich. Bethany has an office in Holland. **Paul Avedisian '84** played the lead role in the off-broadway British musical *The Hired Man* last fall, and is now working with *Phantom of the Opera* in San Francisco, Calif. **Carol Smith '84 Sasaki** is living in Japan, where she

is teaching conversational English. **Perry Francisco '84** is director-critical care units for Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Wis. **Tamra Avrit '85** was promoted to marketing director with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support Activity, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. She is responsible for the marketing program worldwide in recreation, food and retail exchanges for the Marine Corps. **Scott L. Collins '85** was recently promoted to administrative operations manager for IBM Corp. in Grand Rapids, Mich. **Lori Siegel '85 Cook** is "Maranda," the hostess of TV-17's *The Kidstuff Show* in Grand Rapids, Mich. She is also employed in advertising sales as an account executive for the ad and public relations agency Martin Windsor and Associates. **Becky Swank '85** is employed as records administrator for the law firm Joscelyn & Treat in Ann Arbor, Mich. **Tracey A. Miller '85 Vasey** is employed as an M.D. with Anderson Cancer Research, University of Texas-Houston. **Patricia Bartels '86 Brinks** is employed as a social worker at Forest View Psychiatric Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. **Steve Cramer '86** was promoted to first lieutenant on Dec. 18, and received the Army Achievement Medal from the commander of the Third Brigade in Friedberg, West Germany. **Philip H. Fishman '86** is serving a one-year internship with the First Baptist Church in Great Falls, Mont., and will return to Trinity College and Trinity Seminary in Deerfield, Ill., with his wife, **Jean C. Byrne '89**, in August. **Scott McCaw '86** is the science teacher at Essex Christian Academy, a small, young, Christian high school in Danvers, Mass. **Joanna Martin '86 Menolasino** is a preschool teacher through Drake University's Head Start program. **Heather Moore '86** is living in Milan, Italy, and the self-employed publisher of *Keep Up!*, an intermediate-level English magazine for Italians. **Lynne Powe '86** has accepted a position as writer/editor for the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mich. Lynne is also pursuing a master of arts degree in communication at Western Michigan University. **Greg Saathoff '86** is employed as a development engineer with Hewlett Packard in Boise, Idaho. **Marcia Taylor '86** returned to the United States in December after serving a two-and-a-half year tour of duty with the Peace Corps. She taught mathematics and history at the junior high school level in Selibi-Pikwe, Botswana, Africa. **Lee Veldhoff '86** is employed by Northrop Corporation in Rolling Meadows, Ill. **Douglas Clark '87** is an educator at North Muskegon High School. He is also coach of junior varsity football, junior varsity basketball and varsity track. **Teresa L. Herman '87** has relocated back to Michigan after spending a year in Southern California and is pursuing a career in international economics. **Susan Koetsier '87** has been working as a management consultant in the London office of Arthur Anderson since Feb., 1988. She welcomes alumni in London to visit her. **Beth Lindquist '87 McCaw** is pursuing a masters at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Mass. She is employed as a counselor in a respite program for the mentally ill. **Mark McNally '87** is presently with the Whirlpool Corporation as an associate in the Operations Management Development Program. **Robert Peel '87** is now an investment representative with Edward D. Jones & Co. in the firm's new office

in Muskegon, Mich. **Lee Alan Ritsema '87** is living in Cary, N.C., and has recently been named vice president of Universal Equipment Company. He reports that life is going well, and extends greetings to all. **Linda Roelofs '87 Rowland** is teaching behavioral disordered, mentally impaired and learning disabled children in an interrelated resource room in Newnan, Ga. **M. Kristina Wolf '87 Summers** moved to California with her husband.

**THEY'RE HERE:** As we went to press the 1988 *Milestone* yearbooks were arriving. The Alumni Office planned to have them in the mail by April 15.

**Ann Reeg '88 Adamson** is working in UNIX support at NCR in Dayton, Ohio. **Mike Bey '88** is an information center consultant for Upjohn in Kalamazoo, Mich. **Peggy Harvey '88** will be teaching English in Morocco with the Peace Corps beginning in June, 1989. **Carl Heideman '88** is working for Computer Services at Hope. **Laura Saxsma '88 Hymovitz** is working as a charge nurse on a surgical/orthopedic floor in a hospital in Altus, Okla. **Dee Ann Knoll '88**, after spending her summer playing baseball with Athletes in Action in Ecuador, is now a systems support specialist with Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire, Ill. **Dan Lucker '88** is working for Anatec in the Detroit, Mich., area. **Jon McKeeby '88** is attending graduate school in computer science at Bowling Green State University. **Leslie Plaggemars '88** is quality engineer/manager with Bend-Millworks Div. **Bill Vanderbilt '88** is with Arthur Anderson in the Chicago area. **Doug Van Wieren '88** is attending graduate school in mathematics at the University of Michigan. **Gerielle Waltz-Stewart '88** is a graduate student at Western Michigan University in psychology and education. **Tom Wight '88** is working for EDS in the Detroit, Mich., area.

## marriages

**Roger Paul Bakale '81** and Pamela Joan Segal, Aug. 27, 1988. **Jeffrey Bohn '81** and Dannise Beckley, Nov. 26, 1988. **Jeff Brink** and Catherine Pietz '85, Sept. 17, 1988, Holland, Mich. **Steven Alan Brinks** and Patricia Jean Bartels '86, Nov. 25, 1988, Grand Rapids, Mich. **Michael Bullard '86** and Krista Koelling '88, Dec. 23, 1988, Lansing, Mich. **Thomas Condon** and Nancy De Witte '82, June 11, 1988. **Mark Warren DeWitt '77** and Donna Jean O'Malley, Oct. 22, 1988. **Michael Disher '81** and Sharon Pocalujka, Dec. 10, 1988, Ann Arbor, Mich. **Alfred Dubuisson III** and Wendy French '88, Dec. 30, 1988, South Haven, Mich. **Todd S. Duran '86** and Diane L. Meyers '86, Sept. 24, 1988. **Philip Fishman '86** and Jean Carol Byrne '89, July 9, 1988, Holland, Mich. **Paul Friedrich** and Leslie Bethards '82, Oct. 8, 1988, Raleigh, N.C. **Tod Gugina '85** and Brenda Dykstra, Dec. 30, 1988, Holland, Mich.

**Jeffrey Allen Hodges '81** and Tina Elizabeth Heidelberg, Aug. 27, 1988, Hart, Mich. **Blair Hough '86** and Leticia Menendez '88, Sept. 9, 1988, Holland, Mich. **Kraig Alan Kuiper '87** and Kimberly Ann Modrie '87, Aug. 27, 1988, Grand Rapids, Mich. **Steven Matson** and Debra Jo Kort '86, Nov. 5, 1988. **William McMurray** and Judith Ann Cook '77, Dec. 28, 1988, Grand Haven, Mich. **Michael J. Menolasino III** and Joanna E. Martin '86, July 2, 1988, Evansville, Ind. **Douglas Charles Morton '80** and Ann Marie Schlichting, Aug. 13, 1988, St. Paul Park, Minn. **Steven Murray '85** and Jennifer Hessler '86, Dec. 17, 1988, Frankfort, Mich. **Robert Palma** and Mary Toppen '61, July, 1988. **Robert J. Patterson** and Meredith A. Hull '81, Nov. 5, 1988, East Lansing, Mich. **Adam Abraham Pinsky** and Martha Ann DeRose '76, Aug. 27, 1988, North Muskegon, Mich. **Scott Arthur Reenders '84** and Julie Ann Dionne, Sept. 10, 1988, Grand Haven, Mich. **Jay Rhoades '80** and Tammy Miller, Sept. 10, 1988, Cascade, Mich. **Randy Rowland** and Linda Roelofs '87, July 15, 1988, Grand Rapids, Mich. **Noritaka Sasaki** and Carol Smith '84, Aug. 6, 1988, Sendai, Japan. **John L. Sloan '77** and Amy Lynn Geresy, Dec. 17, 1988, Bangor, Mich.

## births

**Paul '74** and Betsy Wackernagel '74 Bach, Benjamin Vaughn, March 25, 1987. **Tom '82** and Martha Bayer, Kate Elizabeth, Feb. 5, 1989. **Randall** and Susan Nelson '77 Bookout, Katherine Marie, June 15, 1988. **Robert and Elizabeth Latimer '81** Christiaans, Hope Elizabeth, Feb. 28, 1989. **Jon '81** and Donna Cope, Sydney Jean, Dec. 17, 1988. **Ken and Sandy Busman '79** Cott, Kelsey Jennet, June 25, 1988. **David and Mary Beth Barrows '84** Johnston, Lindsey Ruth, Feb. 25, 1989. **Gary and Kimberly Osterman '80** Knight, Heather Lynne, May 30, 1988. **Bryan and Amy Koorndyk '87**, Rachel Nicole, Nov. 11, 1988. **Paul and Diane Harvey '76** Krauszer, Elizabeth Marie, April 1, 1988. **James and Karen Lee VanderRoest '78** Moss, Robert James, Oct. 8, 1988. **Mark '84** and Lisa Castor '84 Navelvoort, Tyler Harrison, Jan. 22, 1989. **Richard '80** and Tresa Harrison '79 Northuis, John Harrison, April 27, 1988. **Andrew H. '75** and Cynthia Hartman '74 Nyboer, Caleb Clay, Nov. 27, 1988. **Randy and Ann Price '80** Schutt, Marie Elyse, Jan. 20, 1989. **Robert and Barbara A. Springer '76** Selig, Sebastian Robert, Aug. 1, 1988. **John and Sheila Cerny '73** Sila, Meghan Lynne, adopted Oct. 16, 1988. **Joel and Karen Russcher '84** Smith, Andrew Clarence, Jan. 1, 1989. **Douglas C. '75** and Margie Staley, Timothy John, Feb. 18, 1989. **Charles '73** and Laura Tebben '74 VanderBroek, Philip John, April 4, 1988. **David and Martha Carson '79** Williams, Kate Barrett, Dec. 4, 1988. **John and M. Kristina Wolf '87** Summers, Robert John ("RJ"), Dec. 3, 1988. **Jeff '83** and Susan Wynsma, Luke Burton, Feb. 5, 1989.

## advanced degrees

**Roger Paul Bakale '81**, Ph.D., Wayne State University, June, 1988. **David G. Brederland '82**, master of science degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Dec., 1988. **Mark T. Howard '80**, M.A. in International Policy Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, May, 1988. **Mark McNally '87**, master's degree in mechanical engineering, University of Michigan, April, 1988. **Melissa Raak '81**, J.D., Rutgers University School of Law, June, 1988. **Greg Saathoff '86**, M.S. in Computer Science, Purdue University. **Mary Soeter '82**, N.D., Case Western Reserve University, May, 1988. **Mary E. de Velder '63** Sullivan, master's degree in English-creative writing, Michigan State University, Dec., 1988. **Becky Swank '85**, Masters in Information and Library Studies, University of Michigan. **Myra Koops '77** Thayer, Master of Arts in Teaching in chemistry, Stanford University, June, 1988. **Dennis Van Hartsma '68**, Ph.D. in education, summer, 1988. **Lee Veldhoff '86**, M.S. in Computer Science, University of Michigan. **Michael R. Wedlock '86**, M.S. in Physical Chemistry, University of Chicago, Aug., 1988.



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## deaths

**Maxine Boone '27** of Douglas, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 20, 1989. She was 83. Maxine graduated from Holland High School and Michigan State University.

She was a member of Hope Reformed Church. She was formerly a dietitian at Zeeland Community Hospital, and was a member of the BW Chapter PEO Sisterhood.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Adrian G. (Frieda) Buys of Douglas, and a niece, Mrs. Daniel (Mary) Pattison of Mount Pleasant, Mich.

**Shirley Decker '55** died on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1989, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

After graduating from Hope, she taught for several years in Grand Rapids area schools. She was a member of Bethany Reformed Church and of the Reformed Church women.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1974. She is survived by her parents, Anne and Peter Decker of Grand Rapids.

**William Gaston '36** died on Jan. 17, 1989, in Irvington, N.J. He was 74.

He served as pastor of Schodack (N.Y.) Reformed;

Marlboro (N.J.) Reformed; First Reformed in Wvantskill, N.Y.; Trinity Wortendyke Reformed (now Faith Reformed) in Midland Park, N.J.; and Pompton Lakes (N.J.) Reformed.

Surviving are his wife, Cornelia, and three children: David, Joan and Linda.

**Roger D. Gunn '50** of Alpena, Mich., died on Thursday, March 9, 1989, of an apparent heart attack. He was 62.

He was born May 14, 1926, in Holland, Mich., and later served with the Navy during World II. On Aug. 20, 1950, he married Christian Sprott in Grand Haven.

He graduated from Holland High School before attending Hope, and received a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. He was employed as a teacher at Pontiac Junior High School from 1950 to 1960. He then taught at Gladwin High School until 1963, at which time he moved to the Alpena area, where he was employed as a counselor at Alpena High School. He retired in 1986.

Active with Boy Scouting, Little League and Babe Ruth organizations, he was a member of First United Methodist Church and its choir, the Lions Club and the National Education Association. A counselor for adult education since 1986, he also served as

president of the Alpena Education Association and as the district's Michigan Education Association representative.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Winifred) Canavan of Grand Haven, Mich.; four sons, Dale of Holland, Brant of Saginaw, Mich., Ward of Acworth, Ga., and James of Kalamazoo, Mich.; six grandchildren; his mother, Elsie Gunn of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. Herbert (Ruth) McCartnax of Florida.

**Florence M. Klow '25** died on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1989, in Zeeland (Mich.) Community Hospital. She was 85.

She was born in Spring Lake, Mich., and graduated from Grand Haven (Mich.) High School.

She worked for one year as a missionary in Dulce, N.M., and graduated in 1929 as a registered nurse from Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. In 1942, Klow served with the Army Nursing Corps Presbyterian Unit No. 13 in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, where she received a Bronze Star.

Following her service, she returned to the Holland area in 1947, where she worked for both Holland and Zeeland community hospitals until her retirement in 1972. She was a member of First Reformed Church.

Surviving are a brother, Dr. Milton Klow of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Edward (Mildred) Damsen of Holland; several nieces and nephews.

**Janet Kollen '31 Schreuder** of Holland, Mich., died Sunday, Feb. 26, following an extended illness. She was 78.

After receiving her degree from Hope she went on to earn an M.A. Degree from the University of Michigan. She was a teacher for 31 years in Overisel (Mich.), Plainwell and Kalamazoo, having retired in 1972.

She was a member of the Lakeland Reformed Church in Vicksburg, Mich. for many years before moving to Holland three years ago. She was a member of the Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, where she was involved in various women's organizations. She was also a member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

On June 21, 1946, she married Peter Schreuder, who preceded her in death on July 24, 1977. Surviving are two sons and their spouses, David and Sally Schreuder of Killeen, Texas, and Dale and Elaine Schreuder of Montague, Mich.; four grandchildren; two brothers, Harvey Kollen of Holland and Myron Kollen of Holland and Myron Kollen of Vicksburg; several nieces and nephews.

## CAMPUS NOTES

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"It gives us an opportunity to integrate what we're doing now with what's going on at other campuses," said Dr. James M. Gentile, dean for the natural sciences and Kenneth G. Herrick professor of biology at Hope. Dr. Gentile is the Hope representative to the program's executive committee, which is composed of a consortium representative from each member institution.

Through consortial activities, the member institutions plan to increase the number of students who major in and seek graduate training in mathematics and science, to encourage promising Ph.D. recipients in these fields to choose teaching careers at liberal arts colleges and to infuse increased vitality into existing programs.

Components of the consortium program funded by the Pew grant include a student research program, a faculty development program, a visiting scholar program and a teacher-scholar program. Dr. Gentile noted that the visits by scholars and scientists from other colleges and universities supported by the program will enhance the academic and intellectual life of the entire Hope campus, and added that many of the program's benefits are similarly intangible.

Members of the consortium include Beloit College (Wis.), Carleton College (Minn.), Grinnell College (Iowa), Hope, Kalamazoo College, Knox College (Ill.), Macalaster College (Minn.), Rhodes College (Tenn.), St. Olaf College (Minn.) and Trinity University (Texas). Participating research universities are the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

The Pew Charitable Trusts consist of seven individual charitable funds established between 1948 and 1979 by the sons and daughters of Joseph N. Pew, founder of the Sun Oil Company. The Trusts support nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for people and communities and to encouraging personal growth and self-sufficiency.

**EXCELLENT PROGRAM:** The department of communication of Hope was selected as one of three "Programs of Excellence" to be recognized at the Central States Communication Association meeting held in Kansas City, Mo. this month.

Selection for the "Programs of Excellence" award is made by the small college division of the Association to "... honor small college programs of exceptional merit." The selection was based on indi-

cators of excellence including qualifications of faculty, purpose and goals of the program courses offered, curricular structure and program quality.

The Central States Communication Association is comprised of 289 colleges and universities in 13 states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin). The other recipients of the award will be Albion College and Butler University.

Reorganized in 1969 from the former department of speech and theatre, the department of communication offers both a major and minor program of study. As a liberal arts program, the department has as its principal goal to prepare students to be active, thinking, responsible participants in a democratic society. Students are offered courses of study in communication and rhetorical theory, interpersonal, group and organizational communication, presentational speaking and mass media. Graduates of the program pursue careers in broadcast media, law, ministry, education, business, journalism, public relations and related fields.

The department has provided leadership in curriculum and faculty development in the communication field, sponsoring a national conference for undergraduate faculty each summer. This conference attracts participants from colleges all across the U.S. and offers seminars presented by the leading scholars in various areas of the communication field.

There are four fulltime faculty in the department including Professor Theodore Nielsen, Professor Joseph W. MacDoniels, Professor James A. Herrick, and Professor Sandra L. Alspach. In addition to the fulltime faculty members five part-time instructors teach in the department.

**HOPE TIES:** The two persons flanking the Tebbbs Bend marker pictured on pages 10 and 11 of the February issue of *news from Hope College* were not identified in the issue because their names were unavailable.

But now we know who they are. Coincidentally, the young man wearing the Civil War uniform (which ironically belongs to Al McGeehan '66, featured in the February issue) is Hope sophomore Michael R. Catlin of Holland. Two of Michael's ancestors participated in the battle: Johannes Van Lente, a great, great grandfather, and Hendrikus Van Lente, a great, great, great grandfather. The two Van Lentes were brothers — it was through the eventual marriage of their distant descendents that

they both happened to become his grandfathers. Michael's mother, Janice, is also pictured.

### TO THE EDITOR:

Reading the very interesting *news from Hope College*, Feb., 1989, I was reminded that my father, Samuel M. Zwemer ('87, who knew, of course, both Theodore Roosevelt and Gerrit Diekema, once told me that Senator Diekema occasionally stood on the back of the campaigning train in place of a weary Roosevelt and looked so much like T.R. that the crowd was satisfied they had seen the President.

My goodness, Prof. Nykerk would disown me for writing a sentence like that, wouldn't he?

Amy Ruth Zwemer Violette  
Hope Prep School '21  
Two years in '25

### FACULTY KUDOS:

**Dr. Sandra Alspach**, assistant professor of communication, was the keynote speaker at a seminar in collective bargaining for public school administrators sponsored by the Ohio School Boards Association in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 14.

Dr. Alspach has developed a course at Hope on conflict management that will be offered during the May Term. The course includes units on communication associated with informal, interpersonal conflict as well as the more formal or structured conflict which frequently occurs during activities like collective bargaining. The objective of the course is to help students understand the theory behind the emergence of conflict and to practice communication skills that help manage conflict so that it can be productive rather than destructive.

Dr. Alspach completed her doctorate at Ohio University, where she studied the impact of Ohio's 1984 Collective Bargaining Law on communication between public school administrators and their employees.

**Dr. Eugene Jekel**, the Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry at Hope, has been elected treasurer of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a national honor society for students enrolled in college pre-medical programs.

Dr. Jekel serves as faculty sponsor to the Hope College chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta. He also serves as the college's chief advisor to Hope students planning to enter the health professions.

Dr. Jekel has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1955. In 1985 he received the National Catalyst Award from the Chemical Manufacturers Association for his excellence in teaching chemistry and in recogni-

tion of his impact on high school chemistry through a summer program the college hosts annually.

Dr. Jekel serves on the board of directors of the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions. In recent years he has served as a reader and table leader for the grading of the national Advanced Placement chemistry examination as a consultant for College Board, he is a frequent leader of day-long workshops for high school chemistry teachers. He is presently serving on the test writing committee for the American Chemical Society-National Science Teachers' Association high school examination in chemistry.

**Dr. Anthony J. Nieuwkoop** and **Dr. David Netzly**, both assistant professors of biology, were awarded two year grants to support their research from the Research Corporation, a private foundation that funds science faculty at undergraduate colleges.

Dr. Nieuwkoop was awarded a Research Corporation Bristol-Myers grant to study "Molecular Regulation of the Histidine Utilization Genes of *Rhizobium fredii*." Dr. Netzly will study "Flavanone 4-Reductase of *Sorghum bicolor*: Characterization and Role in Chemical Defense."

Both are research projects aimed at a basic understanding of genetic and biochemical processes that are of potential importance in the productivity of crop plants. Undergraduate students will participate in the research, and the grant includes support for the students to work with Drs. Nieuwkoop and Netzly during the summers of 1989 and 1990.

Dr. Nieuwkoop and Dr. Netzly both joined the Hope faculty in 1987.

**Dr. Donald H. Williams**, professor of chemistry, has been appointed to a task force of the National Science Teachers Association to study curricular reforms in secondary school science.

Dr. Williams, who joined the Hope faculty in 1969, is currently on a sabbatical leave and is serving with the U.S. Department of Energy at their headquarters in Washington, D.C. While in the Department of Energy, he is working to enhance the educational programs of the Information Services Division, and has had many interactions with the NSTA.

He has also contributed to resolving issues surrounding science education at many levels. "I have found that as the Department of Energy seeks to involve more citizens in discussions concerning radioactive waste, those citizens are better served who have some science education," Dr. Williams said.



**Dorothy Sonnega '35 Schurmann** died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989, at the Albion (Mich.) Community Hospital following a long illness. She was 74.

Also a graduate of Muskegon (Mich.) High School, she had been employed as a laboratory technician at the University of Michigan Hospital.

She is survived by one son, John J. Schurmann of Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hart of California; four grandchildren; three sisters, Marie Johnson of Spring Lake, Mich.; Jeanne Erickson of Muskegon and Ruth Sonnega of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four brothers, Donald, Paul and Walter Sonnega, all of Muskegon, and Dr. James Sonnega of Plymouth, Mich.; an uncle; and several nieces and nephews.

**Ruth Laug '24 TerKeurst**, of Grand Rapids, Mich., widow of Dr. Arthur TerKeurst '32, died on Monday, March 13, 1989. She was 85.

Born and raised in Coopersville, Mich., she lived for many years in Warrensburg, Mo.

She is survived by several brothers and sisters, Forrest and Dorothy Laug of Naples, Fla.; Gerald and Jeannette Laug of Burnsville, N.C.; Mrs. Geneva Hosler of Caledonia, Mich.; and Louis and Vivian Laug of Marco Island, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

**Betty Brinkman '48 Vander Woude** of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 12, while vacationing in Tucson, Ariz. She was 62.

Born in Holland, after her graduation from Hope she taught for several years at Holland, New York and Fruitport public schools, retiring in 1988.

She was a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland. She and her husband served at Ada Community Reformed Church, Second Reformed Church of Marion, N.Y. and Olivet Reformed Church in Muskegon, Mich., before moving back to the Holland area.

Following retirement, they were volunteer missionaries in Honduras for six months.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Cornelius A. Vander Woude; a son, Charles Vander Woude of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Connell of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Donald (Jean) DeWitt of Muskegon; several nieces and nephews.

**Raymond Van Raalte '29** of Nalcrest, Fla., died on July 3, 1988.

After graduating from Hope he taught in the Coppersville, Mich., high school for 10 years, and taught in the Montague (Mich.) high school until retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Nalcrest; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Ingersoll of Montague; and a son, Paul, of Lansing, Mich.

## sympathy to

The family and friends of **Mrs. James (Marie) Aitchison** of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1989. She was 92.

Born on April 2, 1896, in Kalkaska, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jencks. She attended Kalkaska Public High Schools, graduating from Kalkaska High School in 1914. She then attended the Ypsilanti Normal School and the Hinshaw Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Ill.

For two seasons, beginning in 1919, she served as the soprano vocalist and piano accompanist on the Redpath Lyceum Circuit in the North Central States.

On Jan. 1, 1921, she married James Aitchison. They lived in the Chicago area for a number of years, and she taught music in the Onward Settlement School. James Aitchison died in 1955.

In 1957, she moved to Holland, where she was employed in the treasurer's office at Hope until her retirement in 1964.

Surviving are a brother, J. Donald Jencks of Holland; two nieces; one nephew; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

The family of **John Howard Jacobson Sr.** of New Paltz, N.Y., who died on Monday, March 13 in Benedictine Hospital of Kingston, N.Y. He was 84.

He was the father of John H. Jacobson Jr., President of Hope College, and on Oct. 9, 1987 participated in his son's inauguration at Hope as a representative of Yale University.

Born on May 18, 1904 in Moose Lake, Minn., he earned his bachelor's degree from Carleton College of Northfield, Minn., his master's from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate from Yale University.

During World War II, he had served with the U.S. Army as a major. He was for many years a professor of English and administrative officer at the State University of New York at New Paltz, retiring in 1969.

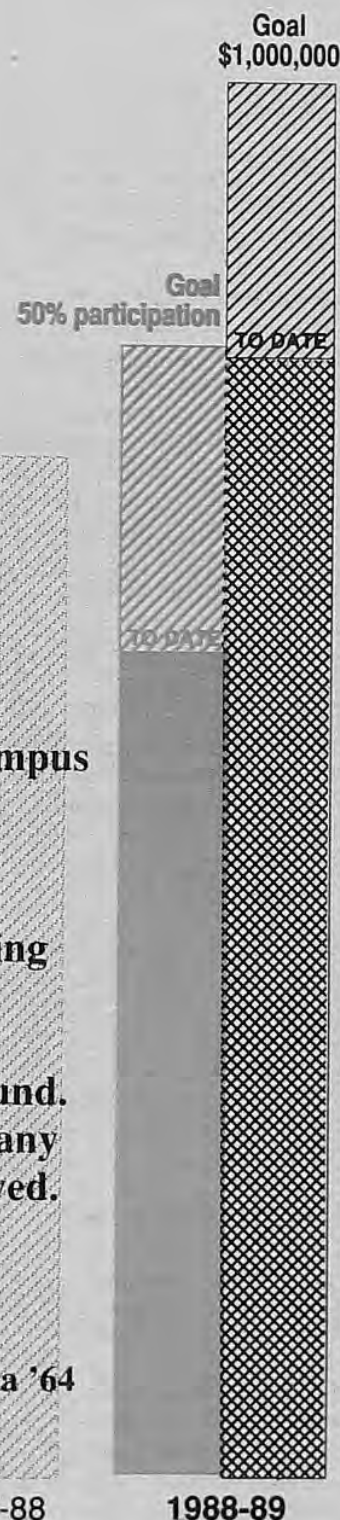
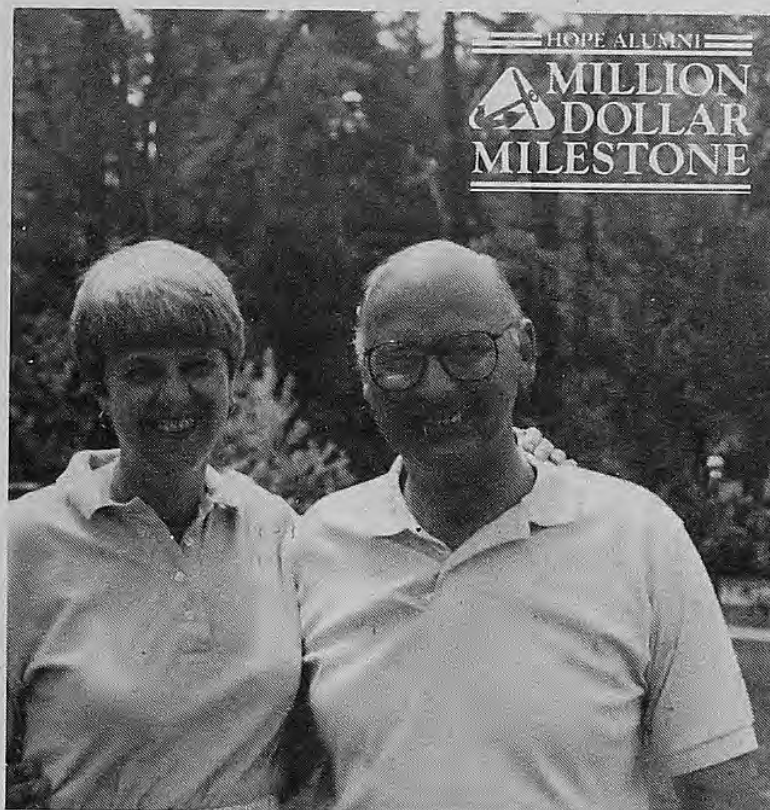
He is survived by his wife, Katharine; two sons, John H. Jacobson of Holland, Mich., and Carl Jacobson of Oberlin, Ohio; a daughter, Mary Cotton of New Paltz; a brother, Nathaniel Jacobson of Albany, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Alberta Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Jane Snell of Fort Myers, Fla.; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

The family and friends of **Marion Mantho Lindeman** of Alexandria Va., who died on Thursday, Feb. 16 in National Orthopedic Hospital, Arlington, Va. She was 60.

She had for many years been employed as administrative secretary of the business and economics department at Hope. During her residence in Holland she was also a member of Hope Reformed Church.

# KEEPING HOPE STRONG TODAY AND TOMORROW

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**REUNION CELEBRATIONS . . . . . MAY 5 - 7**



# "Round Robin" tradition keeps nine alumnae close through years, miles

by Greg Olgers '87

Rogue garbage trucks can delay the mail, but they can't stop it.

For more than 40 years, in a stunning display of the power of friendship, Lucille Teninga '46 Toren and eight classmates have been corresponding through a "Round Robin" letter — actually a packet of letters sent sequentially from one participant to the next. Each writer, upon receiving the packet, reads the others' letters; removes her own, old letter (which has completed the circuit) and includes a new one.

And the cycle has continued since 1946. "We all belonged to the Thesaurian Sorority," Toren said, "and then we all lived at Voorhees Hall. So when we had meetings at the college, well then of course we'd find ourselves wandering to these things together."

"We really did become very good friends," Toren said. "I don't know if it was every night, but it sure was on weekends that we would all get together."

"And then we started corresponding, I think, very shortly after the tears were shed at our graduation. We decided that we should start writing, and the best thought we had was 'I write a letter to Marion, then Marion will send it on to Clara, and Clara will send it on to Adeline....' Toren explained.

Two other Thesaurians, 1947 graduates, joined the letter later.

Completing its rounds on a three to six month cycle, the letter has followed their lives through marriages and careers; births and deaths; happiness and sorrow. Transcending all the changes that are by nature a part of life — particularly in 43 years of life — the "Round Robin" has been a constant.

But there was the time the mail almost didn't go through. Waiting one winter in the mailbox of Louise Edwards '46 Lowande, the "Round Robin" was crippled by the assault of a garbage truck caught in a New Jersey snow storm. Knocked to the ground, tattered and torn, the packet lay hidden until eventually discovered, recovered and sent on its way.

Through the years, the "Round Robin" packet has been a primary means of communication for the group — news of new homes and births, childrens' colds and family moves. Often, photographs and newspaper clippings — first about the writer, and still later her children and grandchildren — accompanied the letters.

The transitions the changing and maturing families underwent were noticeable even in 1959. "You know, upon reading over your letters I couldn't help but be struck at how different our letters have become from 12 years ago. Now it's mostly children and houses," Toren wrote at the time.

Toren — to her regret now, she admits — only saved a few of her old "Round Robin" letters. A newspaper account sent

through the Round Robin a few years ago has prompted her to start monitoring the writing more closely — and record the progress of her classmates.

"Betty (Fuller '47) Meiners, who lives in New Mexico, enclosed a little write-up about two years ago saying 'nine girls have corresponded for 30 years.' She said, 'Aw Phooey! — We've been doing that for almost 40 years,' " Toren recalled.

Toren has amassed some interesting statistics concerning the group. Four of the friends married Hope graduates, three married ministers, three have been directly involved in mission work and all have been involved in the field of education in one way or another — from the elementary to the university level. Six of the nine have earned at least one advanced degree, and they gave birth to a total of 20 children.

The writers' lives have taken them in vastly different directions — both physically and occupationally. Marjorie Van Vranken '46 Watelet, who married a Belgian, lives in Zaire, Africa, with her husband, who works with a leprosy mission. Adeline Sybesma '46, now living in Holland, Mich., held a variety of teaching positions in exotic locations such as Sapporo, Japan; Hong Kong; and the Netherlands Antilles. Meiners, living in New Mexico, went into library work — and was named the New Mexico Library Association's Librarian of the Year in 1986.

Toren, who lives in Lansing, Ill., with her husband Chet Toren '41, is a retired science

teacher — and taught at both the elementary and high school level. She was recognized as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1974, and also has the largest Hope College family. All five of her sons (and three of their wives) attended Hope.

The letter-writing rate has remained fairly constant through the years. One would think that the busy times — years with careers and children — would have caused lapses, or that the pace would have accelerated as the houses emptied and work ended. But that has not been the case. "Now that we have the time, we don't have the news," Toren said. "Before, when the children were younger, we took the time to write about the children or whatever was pertinent."

The "Round Robin" was also never replaced by the telephone. "My background said 'Telephones are for emergencies,' " Toren said. "But even now, we never do call — with all these girls; maybe they all felt the same way that I did — except for emergencies."

"Emergencies" have not always meant bad news. Often, if a member of the writing group, or one of their family members, is going to be near one of the others' homes, a phone call is used to announce the fact. Lowande, for example, called the Torens to let them know that her daughter, a circus performer, was going to be in the Chicago area.

Although they have occasionally been able to meet one or two at a time, their busy lives have generally prevented them from reuniting as a group. "I don't think there would be more than possibly once in all this time that everybody came out to a particular place. It was always some of us," Toren said.

Despite the passage of time, distance and experience, their closeness has remained. Both planning to attend the Reformed Church Women's Triennial on the Hope campus, Toren and Lowande arranged to room together in Voorhees Hall. "We hadn't seen each other in years — we didn't know

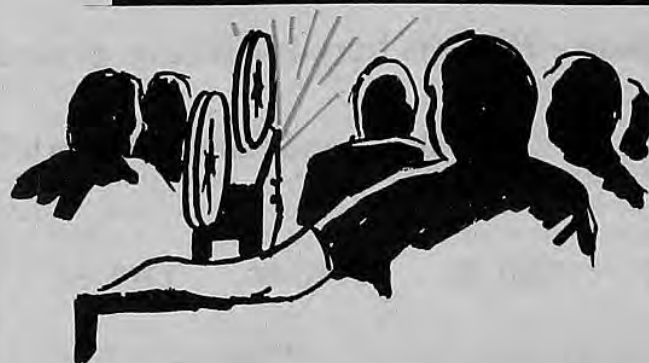
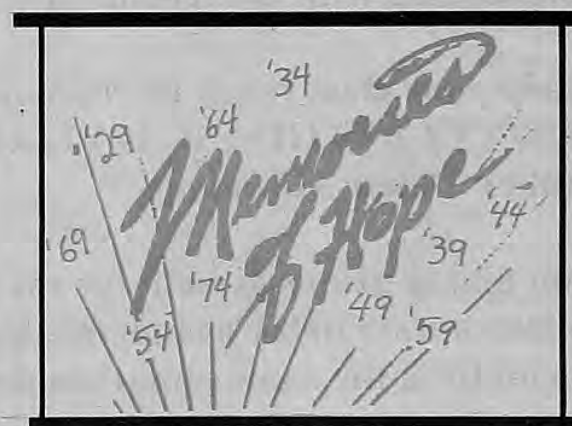


Lucille Teninga '46 Toren and husband Chet '41 remember friends and the past through one of the "Round Robin" letters.

each other, basically," Toren said.

So great had been the passage of time that the two old friends didn't even recognize one another: they almost passed each other on campus as strangers — until they overheard their still-familiar voices. Once reunited, Toren recalled, they found they still had much in common — thanks to the letters. "(It was) as though we were together all the time. We knew the troubles they had, the joys they had, the sorrows — their children growing up; the difficulty and the joys they had with their children; what their children were doing; where they were going to college," Toren said. "I think it has brought us together emotionally."

There is every indication that the "Round Robin" will continue. "There's no sign of it stopping now," Toren said. "I really thought at the end in '46 that gradually it would just die down. But instead, through the years it has been a necessity. In fact, we grumble when we don't get it fast enough." ✍



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